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Annual

Harry & Mary Noyes Home • 52 East Road • Built in 1840

Pierce House • 23 Academy Ave • Built in 1810

Report

2002

Charles Tewksbury Home • 10 Stage Road • Built in 1890

New Hampshire

Today

In

Atkinson

Dedication

I would like to dedicate this year's Town Report to the men and women who are serving in our armed services.

Over the past year we have seen the devastation of 9-11, terrorist attacks on U. S. citizens and property overseas, and terrorist alerts in our own country. The country has readied itself for war on terrorists and now war with Iraq.

Active soldiers as well as reservists are serving our country here and abroad. Family life has been disrupted and has become unsettled. Residents of Atkinson, their families and friends have been called to active duty or are awaiting the call. Members of our community are overseas now and readying for battle. As they give of themselves, we can give a little back to them with this dedication. Our thanks go out to them and our hopes for a safe and speedy journey.

In Recognition

Mrs. Lillian Isabelle White is our oldest citizen, at 102 years young, moving to the Rockingham Nursing Home at the age of 96. She is the daughter of Oliver Eugene Buzzell and Mary Louise Gynon, born September 25, 1900. She moved to Maple Avenue in Atkinson after her marriage to George W. White. She met her husband while a member of the Salvation Army, playing the trumpet in the band.

Mrs. White was noted throughout the town for her cooking, especially her pastries and pies. Neighbors and friends were constantly dropping by because of the sweet aroma originating from her kitchen. She was always feeding the children in the neighborhood, that came to visit one of her 10 children, with her delights. She was a lover of poems; enjoying reading and reciting them to others. Mrs. White was noted for her singing voice, she sang solo at the Unitarian Church, now the location of the Atkinson Police Station.

Mr. White was Selectmen from 1952-1963. Some of the meetings were held at Mr. White's home. After the meetings Mrs. White fed all the Selectmen and those that had come for the meeting with her pies.

Both were active Grange members, participating in a wide range of activities, both rising to the post of Pomona. Mrs. White received her 50-year pin from the Atkinson Grange.

She has 23 Grandchildren, 39 Great Grandchildren, and 28 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Mrs. White is a likable lady who has a twinkle in her eye. She is respected by all of her family and friends.

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We Remember . . .

JOHN W. BAILEY

1917 – 2002

Former Volunteer Fire Department

GARY CERENO

1952 – 2002

Former Recreation Commission member

JOHN W. HOLBROOK

1934 – 2002

Former Selectmen and Municipal Budget Committee member

JOHN R. LEONE

1924 – 2002

Former Animal Control Officer

CLEMENT M. NEILY

1915 – 2002

Former Selectmen and Police Officer

Town Officials

Representatives to the General Court
The Honorable Natalie F. Flanagan, District 78
The Honorable George D. Winchell, District 78
The Honorable Charles Morse, District 22

2002 Elected Officials

Moderator — **Term Expires**
Francis G. Polito 2003

Board of Selectmen
Joseph A. DeRosa, Chair 2003
Barbara L. Stewart 2004
Brian J. Boyle 2005

Town Clerk
Linda S. Jette 2003

Tax Collector
Debra L. DeSimone 2003

Treasurer
Susan B. Coppeta 2004

Cemetery Trustees
Dale A. Childs, Chair 2004
Loretta M. Buczynski, Resigned 2003
Donald L. Murphy 2005

Code of Ethics Committee
Robert A. Murad, Chair 2005
Peter A. Lewis, Resigned 2003
Gregory D. Longtine 2004
Michael J. Mascola 2005
E. Richard O'Leary 2003
Richard L. Smith 2004

Library Trustees
Jamison L. Tomasek, Chair 2004
Joan I. Goff 2005
Joseph A. Holland 2004
Patricia E. Macomber 2003
Elaine M. Woodbury 2003

Municipal Budget Committee
Janine M. Standley-Sawyer, Chair 2005
Paul A. Sullivan, Vice-Chair 2003

Municipal Budget Committee (*Cont'd*)
Mark Acciard 2004
Jane E. Cole 2005
David H. Paquette 2003
Brian J. Boyle, ex officio

Road Agent
Edward A. Stewart 2003

Supervisors of the Checklist
Martha E. MacDonald, Chair 2008
Virginia A. Busby 2006
Suzanne Malone 2004

Trustees of Trust Funds
Dale A. Childs, Chair 2003
Paul H. McKallagat 2005

2002 Appointed Officials

American Disabilities Act Coordinator
Robert J. Jones 2003

Animal Control
Warren Seckendorf, Officer 2003
Timothy J. Judge, Assistant 2003
John R. Leone, Assistant, Deceased . 2003
Donald L. Murphy, Assistant 2003
Edward A. Stewart, Assistant 2003

Board of Adjustment
Francis G. Polito, Chair 2003
Elizabeth A. McGrath, Vice-Chair ... 2004
Sanford F. Carter 2005
Peter A. Lewis 2005
Merle R. Ashford, Alternate 2005
John F. Henrickson, Alternate 2003
David J. Rockwell, Sr., Alternate 2003
Barbara L. Stewart, ex officio

Town Officials & Employees (Cont'd)

Building Inspector
Robert J. Jones 2003
David A. Pallaria, Assistant 2003

Building Needs Committee
Barbara Snicer 2003
James Bonfiglio, Resigned 2003
Mark A. Boucher 2003
Fred J. Childs, Jr. 2003
Adele H. Dillon 2003
Donald M. Roberts 2003
John F. Rockwell 2003
Richard B. Wood 2003
Joseph A. DeRosa, ex officio

Cable Advisory Committee
Michael Torres, Chair 2003
David C. Boyle 2003
Armand Cote 2003
Brian Kaye 2003
Dick Magoon 2003
Barbara L. Stewart, ex officio

Civil Defense Director
Michael E. Murphy 2003

Code Enforcement Officer
James H. Kirsch 2003
Robert J. Jones, Assistant 2003

Community Center Coordinator
Noriko Yoshida-Travers 2003

Conservation Commission
N. Scott Kukshtel, Chair 2005
Carole L. Hall, Secretary 2004
Tim Dziechowski 2005
Jackie Kitson-Gardella 2003
Alice Sambol-Ward 2004
Phil J. Sansone 2003
Paul F. Wainwright 2003
Michelle R. Veasey, Alternate 2004

Elderly Affairs Director
Philip V. Consentino 2003

Electrical Inspector
Michael J. DiBartolomeo 2003
David A. Pallaria, Assistant 2003

Family Mediation Representatives
Loretta M. Buczynski, Resigned 2003
George D. Winchell 2003

Fire Department
Michael E. Murphy, Chief
Kevin J. Landry, Deputy Chief
Warren P. Seckendorf, Fire Captain
W. Matthew Lopez, 1st Lieutenant
Andrew T. Cammillieri, 2nd Lieutenant
Frederick A. Beckwith, EMS Captain
Jennifer Myers, EMS Lieutenant

Members:

Aaron Antolewicz	Darrell A. Hollenbeck
Albert E. Apitz	Timothy J. Judge
William M. Baldwin	Jeffrey M. Murphy
Daniel P. Beckwith	Robert C. Neill
Brenda L. Boisvert	Nick D. Orio
Ryan H. Dame	Mark R. Penny
Joseph C. Davey	Jennifer Perkins
Joseph DeRosa	John F. Rockwell
Charles D. Earley	Chris Ryan
John L. Feuer	Edward A. Stewart
Ronald W. Gale	Donna J. Sullivan
Abraham A. Goldstein	Paul A. Sullivan
Tara N. Hiett-Fried	David M. Weymouth
David J. Holigan	Keith A. Wheeler
Jessica Holigan	Stephen Wooster

Fire Inspectors
Charles D. Earley
David M. Weymouth

Forest Fire Wardens
Michael E. Murphy, Warden
Albert E. Apitz, Deputy
Darrell A. Hollenbeck, Deputy
Kevin J. Landry, Deputy
Donald L. Murphy, Deputy
Edward A. Stewart, Deputy
David M. Weymouth, Deputy

Hazardous Waste Collection Day Rep.
Edward A. Stewart 2003

Town Officials & Employees (Cont'd)

Health Officer
Joseph Chamberlain 2004
Philip A. Busby 2003

Highway Safety Committee
Edward A. Stewart 2003
Keith Cornelius 2003
Officer David Consentino 2003
Chief Philip V. Consentino 2003
Joseph A. DeRosa, ex officio

Planning Board
Susan M. Killam, Chair 2004
D. Paul DiMaggio 2005
Charles D. Earley 2004
Michael D. Fletcher 2005
George T. Lemery, Resigned 2003
Harold J. Morse 2003
Dr. Joseph Guischard, Alternate 2005
Edward A. Stewart, Alternate 2003
Donna J. Sullivan, Alternate 2003

Plumbing/Gas Inspector
William K. Ashford 2003
Paul E. White, Assistant 2003

Police Department
Philip V. Consentino, Chief
William M. Baldwin, Sergeant, Exec.Officer
Diane M. Kinney, Sergeant
Philip Farrar, Detective

Patrol Officers:

Richard Buco	Gary Lorden
David L. Consentino	Charles McCarthy
JoAnne Consentino	Gerard O'Meara
Robert DesJardins	Justin Paquette
Kevin M. Donnelly	Donald Roberts
Stephen Isola	Christopher Ryan
Karen M. Kinney	Vincent Scarvaglier
Anthony L. Lopez	Scott Wood

Dispatch:

JoAnne Consentino	Diane Kinney
Mary B. Duffy	Gary J. Lorden

Police Department *(Cont'd)*

Directors:
Dispatch Service ..... JoAnne Consentino
Juvenile Director .. Sgt. William M. Baldwin
Personnel ..... Sgt. Diane M. Kinney

Special Assignments:
Scheduling ..... Sgt. Diane Kinney
Field Training ..... Sgt. William M. Baldwin

School Crossing Guards:
Charles J. McCarthy
Mary Duffy

Community Service Officers:
William L. Anderson
Roger W. Culliford
Mary Duffy
Anthony L. Lopez, Sr.

Department Chaplains
Pastor Paul Dionne
Fr. Marcel Martel

Recreation Commission
Cathy J. Thompson, Chair 2005
Shirley Ann Lopez 2005
John Mangini 2005
Patricia A. Mangini 2003
Noriko Yoshida-Travers 2005
Barbara L. Stewart, ex officio

Recycling Committee
Richard Knudson 2003
Debbie Maddox 2003
Jeanne Schipelliti 2003

Rockingham Planning Commission Representatives
Edward Stewart 2003
Paul A. Sullivan 2003

Safety/JLMC Committee
Vic Richards ..... Town Administrator
Linda S. Jette ..... Town Clerk
Paul D. Regan ..... Kimball Library
Fred J. Childs, Jr. ..... Maint. Supervisor
JoAnne Consentino ..... Police Department

Town Officials & Employees (Cont'd)

Safety/JLMC Committee (Cont'd)

Patricia E. Macomber..... Family Mediation
Charles D. Earley.....Fire Dept.
Edward A. Stewart.....Road Agent
Elaine M. Woodbury.....Town Hall
Noriko Yoshida-Travers ....Community Ctr.

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

Edward A. Stewart..... 2003

Town Forester & Tree Warden

Edward A. Stewart..... 2003

Kimball Public Library Staff

Dan W. Walker, Director,
Carolyn E. Birr, Assist. Dir./Children's Lib.
Janice E. Ananian
Linda Bourassa
Roberta S. Cianci
Linda Giuffre
Joan C. Houle
Kathleen LaMarre
Laura M. McLaughlin
Paul D. Regan
Betty C. Rollins

Volunteers:

Susan McGinley
Nancy Hoffman

ACTV – 20 Production Staff

Barbara Snicer, Producer
Adele H. Dillon
Justin Dufresne
Susan J. Garrant
Kenneth Putney
Brennan Scott
Shelley Tudisco
John V. Geary
Denise A. Jackson
William Linnehan
Raymond Viglione
Meagan E. Wisecarver
Richard B. Wood, Sr.

Town Employees

Vic Richards, *Town Administrator*
Albert E. Apitz, *Highway Department*
Jonathan A. Barnes, *Care of Grounds*
Kathryn M. Burke, *Assistant Town Clerk*
Fred J. Childs, Jr., *Maintenance Supervisor*
Debra L. DeSimone, *Assistant Town Clerk*
Shirley Galvin, *Planning, Zoning, Bldg Assist.*
Carol Kater, *Planning Board Rec. Secretary*
Jason Landry, *Highway Department*
Sandra LeVallee, *Bookkeeper*
Patricia E. Macomber, *Deputy Tax Collector*
Patricia A Mangini, *Deputy Town Clerk*
Raymond Morelli, *Care of Grounds*
Virginia Morelli, *Care of Grounds*
Pamela C. Murphy, *Fire Dept. Clerk*
Lori A. Parrillo, *Deputy Treasurer*
Rebecca A. Russo, *ZBA Recording Secretary*
Elaine M. Woodbury, *Assessing Clerk*
Noriko Yoshida-Travers, *Community Center*

Town Report Coordinators

Patty Macomber
Elaine M. Woodbury

Board of Selectmen

At Town vote in March 2002, the residents voted to establish the position of Town Administrator. The Selectmen used the New Hampshire Municipal Association as a consultant and hired the Town's first Town Administrator in August. The Selectmen look forward to working with the new Administrator over the coming years.

The Police Union contract was ratified and negotiations for a three year contract continued during the fall. An agreement was reached and will be presented to the Town for ratification in March 2003.

Trash collection continued to be a problem. The Selectmen went to bid for a new contract and received three proposals. Waste Management was the most cost effective and the Selectmen budgeted for curbside recycling of commingled materials in addition to newspaper in 2003. With good participation by the residents, commingled recycling should save the Town money on disposal fees. To improve the consistency of pick up, the Selectmen negotiated a proposal for three-day pickup instead of the one-day pick up. The change in schedule will begin in 2003.

The Town converted its assessing software and all tax cards are now available on a public terminal at Town Hall. The revaluation process began in 2002 and will continue for three more years. In 2003 an update of values will be made by the contract assessing firm and assessed values will be closer to 100% than the current 68%.

The Board has continued to support the Elderly Affairs Program and the Fire Department and in 2003 the Board put forward a Warrant Article to create and fund a Library Capital Reserve. The Board is always available to individual residents and is willing to listen to suggestions and criticism.

In March 2003, my current term as Selectmen will expire and I will be a candidate again, seeking my sixth term. I continue to learn and continue to serve the community.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all the residents, all the volunteers, and all the employees for making Atkinson the best Town to live in. I would also like to recognize and thank those men and women who are residents of Atkinson or who are children of residents for their service to their country, especially in this time of war.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph DeRosa,
Chairman

From The Desk Of The Town Administrator

I came on board in August as the Town's first Town Administrator and it has been a pleasure to be here in Atkinson. I've met and worked with good people and dedicated Town Officials, employees, and volunteers. Atkinson has a strong sense of community and community pride.

We have managed to make a few changes—the Recycling Area is better managed and organized, the web page is up to date, and our assessing records are up to date and meet state standards. We are moving forward with the revaluation and this year we will be completing an update on values for all property in Town. The Police Union contract has been negotiated and presented to the voters. We are taking a look at other town services and trying to make the delivery of the service better—one example is our effort to catalog all past Annual Reports, Selectmen meeting minutes and other Board meeting minutes. We still don't always start the Selectmen's meetings right at 7:30 but we are working on that too!

We are moving forward with expanding the recycling program with curbside pick up of commingles. A successful program carried out by the residents will save the Town money. A successful program also means consistent pick up and we have inserted a penalty clause in our new contract with Waste Management. Waste Management was the low bidder when the Town went out to bid during the fall for the new solid waste contract. We received a grant from NH The Beautiful for $5,200 to pay for 50% of the cost of the recycling bins. We also received a grant from Unitil, which paid for half the cost of the new lighting at the Community Center.

We saved $18,000 in health insurance costs for this coming year by going to the NH Health Trust. We managed to keep comparable coverage for all eligible employees.

By joining the NH Public Risk Management Exchange for our property and liability insurance, we will save approximately 40 % on our insurance costs and maintain the same level of coverage. We will continue to look for ways to save the Town money and still maintain services.

We will be working on Phase II programs for stormwater management and education. Phase II is part of the standards set over the years by the Clean Water Act. The program addresses stormwater runoff and management on a Town wide basis. We will be asking for volunteers to form a Committee to develop and implement programs.

I would like to thank Elaine Woodbury, our Assessing Clerk/Selectmen's Secretary, and Patty Macomber, Deputy Tax Collector and Selectmen Secretary fill-in extraordinaire, for their efforts in producing this year's Annual Report.

I look forward to 2003. As many residents have already found out, the Selectmen's door is always open and we are available by phone. Please feel free to drop by or give a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Richards,
Town Administrator

2002 Approved Appropriations

General Government		
Executive	$200,350.00	
Elections, Registrations	148,794.00	
Financial Administration	146,079.00	
Computers	58,300.00	
Legal Expense	14,000.00	
Personnel Administration	15,200.00	
Planning and Zoning	19,434.00	
General Government Buildings	59,351.00	
Cemeteries	23,578.00	
Insurance	29,314.00	
Advertising and Regional	5,251.00	
Total General Government		$719,651.00
Public Safety		
Police	575,976.00	
Ambulance	21,000.00	
Fire	183,239.00	
Building Inspectors	65,213.00	
Emergency Management	500.00	
Total Public Safety		845,928.00
Highway and Streets		
Highway and Streets	351,026.00	
Street Lighting	24,900.00	
Total Highway and Streets		375,926.00
Sanitation		
Solid Waste Disposal	491,299.00	
Recycling	20,652.00	
Total Sanitation		511,951.00
Health/Welfare		
Administration	15,638.00	
Health Agencies	32,879.00	
Direct Assistance	13,950.00	
Total Health/Welfare		62,467.00
Culture/Recreation		
Parks/Recreation	119,887.00	
Library	212,200.00	
Patriotic Purposes	6,100.00	
Other Culture & Recreation	25,688.00	
Total Culture/Recreation		363,875.00
Conservation		
Administration	3,355.00	
Total Conservation		3,355.00
Debt Service		
Principal - Long Term Bond	102,143.00	
Interest	38,380.00	
Total Debt Service		140,523.00
TOTAL 2002 APPROPRIATIONS		**$3,023,676.00**

Ballot Summary

March 13, 2002

Article No.			
2002-2	Zoning - Section 600:17	Pass	
2002-3	Operating Budget $3,023,676	Pass	
2002-4	Coventry Road (East) $142,560	Pass	
2002-5	Stonewall Terrace $106,920	Pass	
2002-6	Sunset Drive $106,920	Pass	
2002-7	Highway Dept. Dump Truck Lease 3-Year Lease, $14,561 1st payment	Pass	
2002-8	Disposal of Town Property - Dump Truck	Pass	
2002-9	Police Dept. Collective Bargaining - Union Contract $44,146 year 2002	Pass	
2002-10	Disposal of Town Property - Police Cruiser	Pass	
2002-11	Disposal of Town Property - Police Weapons	Pass	
2002-12	Police Dept. - Fifth Full-time Officer $24,896/2002 & $32,500/2003	Pass	
2002-13	Fire Dept. - Water Line $45,000	Pass	
2002-14	Capital Reserve Fund - Fire Dept. Fire Equipment & Vehicles $30,000	Pass	
2002-15	Fire Dept. - Paid Call $50,000	Pass	
2002-16	Dow Common Improvements - Monument $10,700		Failed
2002-17	Dow Common Completion $3,000	Pass	
2002-18	Modify The Elderly Exemption	Pass	
2002-19	Capital Reserve Fund - Cable TV $35,000	Pass	
2002-20	Accept Roads - Millstream Drive & Abbey Road	Pass	
2002-21	Accept Roads - Haydn Drive, Pope Road, Meeting Rock Road and Kings Grant Drive	Pass	
2002-22	Code of Ethics Amendment - Time Limit	Pass	
2002-23	Code of Ethics Amendment - Delivery Process	Pass	
2002-24	Code of Ethics Amendment - Maintenance of Files	Pass	
2002-25	Land Use Change Tax Proceeds	Pass	
2002-26	Petition: Town Administrator	Pass	

Summary Inventory of Valuation

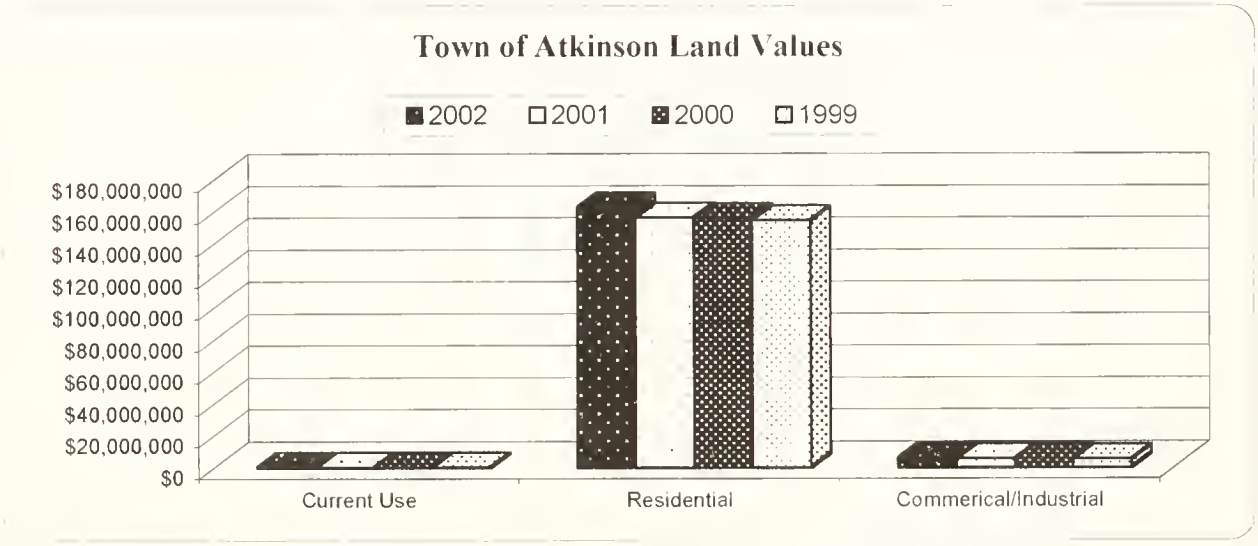
Value of Land Only:		
Current Use	$179,848.00	
Residential	162,915,900.00	
Commercial/Industrial	5,997,700.00	
Total Taxable Land		**$169,093,448.00**
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential	316,099,900.00	
Manufactured Housing	55,000.00	
Commercial/Industrial	12,933,900.00	
Total Taxable Buildings		**329,088,800.00**
Public Utilities:		
Water	680,600.00	
Gas	275,000.00	
Electric	2,331,200.00	
Total Public Utilities		**3,286,800.00**
Exemptions:		
Blind (3)	45,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions (27)	2,314,450.00	
Physically Handicapped	138,500.00	
Solar Wind Power	86,766.00	
Total Exemptions		**(2,584,716.00)**
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed:		**$498,884,332.00**

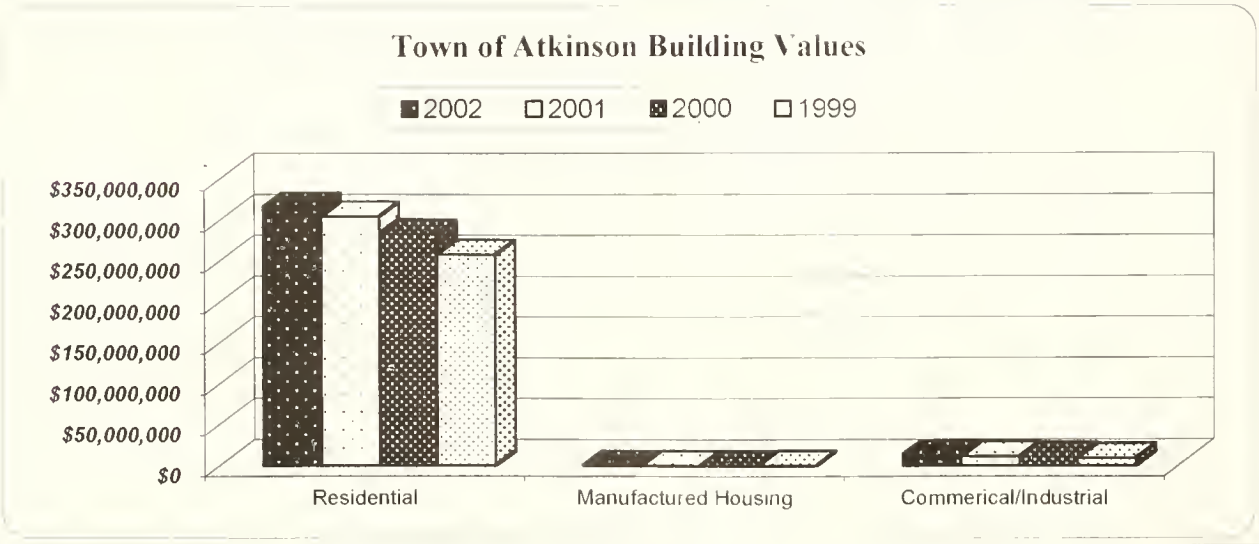
Summary Inventory of Valuation Comparison

Value of Land:	2002	2001	2000	1999
Current Use	$179,848	$183,213	$208,375	$231,366
Residential	162,915,900	156,619,461	156,089,300	154,730,300
Commerical/Industrial	5,997,700	5,750,800	5,719,300	5,498,200
Total Taxable Land	**$169,093,448**	**$162,553,474**	**$162,016,975**	**$160,459,866**

Value of Buildings Only:	2002	2001	2000	1999
Residential	$316,099,900	$305,223,800	$283,702,700	$258,624,800
Manufactured Housing	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Commerical/Industrial	12,933,900	10,930,000	10,248,600	9,272,500
Total Taxable Buildings	**$329,088,800**	**$316,208,800**	**$294,006,300**	**$267,952,300**
	(Estimated)			
Equalization Ratio	**69%**	**72%**	**81%**	**87%**

Equalization is the process by which the NH Dept. of Revenue makes adjustments to each municipality's locally assessed values to calculate the estimated 100% value of the municipality.





2002 Tax Rate Computation

Town Portion			
Gross Appropriations	$3,626,679.00		
Less: Revenues	(2,147,333.00)		
Less: Shares Revenues	(5,205.00)		
Overlay	98,303.00		
War Service Credits	49,500.00		
Approved Town Tax Effort		$1,621,944.00	*TOWN RATE*
Town Tax Rate			**$3.25**
School Portion			
Regional School Apportionment	9,857,030.00		
Adequate Education Grant	(659,805.00)		
State Education Taxes	(3,276,667.00)		
Approved School Tax Effort		5,920,558.00	*LOCAL SCHOOL RATE*
Local School Rate			**11.87**
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) x $564,942,635	5.80		
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation - $497,597,532		3,276,667.00	*STATE SCHOOL RATE*
State School Rate			**6.61**
County Portion			
Due to County	816,278.00		
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,235.00)		
Approved County Tax Effort		813,043.00	*COUNTY RATE*
County Tax Rate			**1.63**
Total Property Taxes Assessed		**$11,632,212.00**	*TOTAL TOWN TAX RATE*
Less: War Service Credit		(49,500.00)	
Total Property Taxes Commitment		**$11,582,712.00**	**$23.36**

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		**Tax Rate**	**Assessment**
State Education Tax (No Utilities)	$495,597,532.00	$6.61	$3,276,667.00
All Other Taxes	$498,884,332.00	16.75	8,355,545.00
Totals		**$23.36**	**$11,632,212.00**

2002 Comparative Statement

Department	2001 Carryover	2002 Budget	2002 Articles	Total Budget	*Expenditures	Carryover / Encumbered	Unexpended Balance
Executive		$200,350.00		$200,350.00	$164,314.00		$36,036.00
Town Clerk/Election		148,794.00		148,794.00	137,968.82		10,825.18
Financial Admin.		146,079.00		146,079.00	127,318.93	$1,400.00	17,360.07
Computers		58,300.00		58,300.00	49,966.45		8,333.55
Legal Services		14,000.00		14,000.00	10,345.96		3,654.04
Personnel Admin.		15,200.00		15,200.00	8,807.55		6,392.45
Planning/Zoning		19,434.00		19,434.00	9,906.96		9,527.04
Gen. Govt. Bldgs.		59,351.00		59,351.00	56,503.97		2,847.03
Cemeteries		8,578.00		8,578.00	4,315.82		4,262.18
Care of Grounds		15,000.00	3,000.00	18,000.00	15,339.71	3,200.00	(539.71)
Other Insurance		29,314.00		29,314.00	35,132.25		(5,818.25)
Advertising/Reg.		5,251.00		5,251.00	5,251.00		0.00
Police Department		585,982.00	69,042.00	655,024.00	614,083.04	23,000.00	17,940.96
Elderly Affairs		10,994.00		10,994.00	9,152.04		1,841.96
Fire Department		183,239.00	80,000.00	263,239.00	259,620.79		3,618.21
Building Inspections		65,213.00		65,213.00	62,750.36		2,462.64
Civil Defense		500.00		500.00	0.00		500.00
Highway Dept.		351,026.00	370,961.00	721,987.00	678,658.93	8,800.00	34,528.07
Street Lighting		24,900.00		24,900.00	24,138.48		761.52
Recycling		2,550.00		2,550.00	4,001.38		(1,451.38)
Animal Control		18,102.00		18,102.00	14,068.50		4,033.50
Waste Disposal		491,299.00		491,299.00	469,676.67		21,622.33
Health		15,638.00		15,638.00	7,626.20		8,011.80
Health Dues		32,879.00		32,879.00	32,879.00		0.00
General Assist.		13,950.00		13,950.00	2,240.74		11,709.26
Recreation		92,410.00		92,410.00	92,710.37		(300.37)
Comm. Center		27,477.00		27,477.00	22,415.40		5,061.60
Library		212,200.00		212,200.00	201,688.23	1,000.00	9,511.77
Memorial Day		6,100.00		6,100.00	5,304.70		795.30
Cable Television		25,688.00	35,000.00	60,688.00	51,915.66	6,015.00	2,757.34
Conservation	$2,916.00	3,355.00		3,355.00	23,924.24		(20,569.24)
LTD - Principal		102,143.00		102,143.00	102,143.00		0.00
LTD - Interest		38,380.00		38,380.00	38,392.20		(12.20)
Totals	**$2,916.00**	**$3,023,676.00**	**$558,003.00**	**$3,581,679.00**	**$3,342,561.35**	**$43,415.00**	**$195,702.65**

Note: * Expenditures include total 2002 Warrant expenditures

Financial Statement

For Year Ending December 31, 2002
(Unaudited)

Assets

Cash:		
In Hands of Treasurer		$5,664,343.83
Captial Reserve Funds:		
Fire Department	$122,749.21	
Cable Television	242,839.27	
Building Needs	11,570.81	
Highway Department	2,687.03	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		379,846.32
Unredeemed Taxes:		
End of Year 2001	163,057.63	
End of Year 2000	0.00	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		163,057.63
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2002		466,364.42
Total Assets		**$6,673,612.20**

Liabilities & Fund Balance

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	140,535.20	
Special Appropriations	43,415.00	
School District Taxes Payable	4,624,225.00	
Outstanding	75,000.00	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		4,883,175.20
Captial Reserves		379,846.32
Total Liabilities		5,263,021.52
Fund Balance		1,410,590.68
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		**$6,673,612.20**

Town of Atkinson Property List

Map	Lot	Sub- lot	St. #	Street Name	Building Values	Feature Values	Land Values	Total Values	# of Acres
13	30	0	1	ACADEMY AVE	$271,600	$55,300	$110,100	$437,000	9 307
13	30	0	1B	ACADEMY AVE	57,300	0	0	57,300	0 000
13	31	0	3	ACADEMY AVE	215,400	900	210,700	427,000	11.716
13	43	0		ACADEMY AVE	0	0	58,400	58,400	0 820
13	70	0	21	ACADEMY AVE	322,300	5,700	177,500	505,500	4 500
13	70	0		ACADEMY AVE	36,100	6,700	0	42,800	0.000
13	77	0	16	ACADEMY AVE	49,600	0	41,300	90,900	0 250
13	89	0		ACADEMY AVE	0	0	145,000	145,000	1 500
14	33	0	27	ACADEMY AVE	197.400	0	55,000	252,400	0 500
5	35	0		BACKLAND	0	0	39,500	39,500	11 100
18	77	0		BACKLAND-MAPLE AVE	0	0	40,100	40,100	17 430
18	78	0		BACKLAND-MAPLE AVE	0	0	185,600	185,600	66 000
7	199	0		BACKLAND-MERRILL DR	0	0	78,800	78,800	5 870
19	74	0		BACKLAND-PLAISTOW	0	0	15,400	15,400	6 350
20	36	0		BOULDER COVE RD	0	0	356,700	356,700	35 170
23	89	0		BOULDER COVE RD	0	0	18,600	18,600	0 510
23	90	0		BOULDER COVE RD	0	0	3,300	3,300	0 120
2	53	0		BRUSHWOOD DR	0	0	37,800	37,800	10 200
19	61	0		CROWN HILL RD	0	0	85,300	85,300	7.360
19	76	0		CROWN HILL RD	0	0	2,500	2,500	2.000
10	6	0		EAST RD	0	0	18,000	18,000	1 370
19	17	0		EAST RD	0	0	300	300	0 210
19	18	0		EAST RD	0	0	108,500	108,500	17 050
19	80	0		EAST RD	0	0	70,400	70,400	4 070
7	204	0		HAWTHORNE DR	0	0	400	400	0 160
12	1	1		HOVEY MEADOW RD	0	0	9,900	9,900	7 000
16	12	1		INDUSTRIAL WAY	0	0	148,000	148,000	31 200
3	31	0	12	JUNIPER LN	0	0	7,100	7,100	1 110
9	90	0		KELLY LN	0	0	29,400	29,400	3.020
18	35	0		KNIGHTLAND RD	0	0	64,200	64,200	1 599
18	82	0		KNIGHTLAND RD	0	0	15,200	15,200	4 040
18	84	0		KNIGHTLAND RD	0	0	10,400	10,400	2 780
20	13	1		LAKESIDE DR	0	0	87,800	87,800	3 910
23	91	0		LAKESIDE DR	0	0	38,300	38,300	0 290
4	46	0		MAIN ST	0	0	53,000	53,000	4 200
4	50	0		MAIN ST	0	0	134,600	134,600	24 360
5	67	0	4	MAIN ST	183,700	0	90,000	273,700	5 057
9	27	6		MAIN ST	0	0	9,000	9,000	3 480
17	11	0		MAIN ST	0	0	57,200	57,200	1 300
9	34	10		MAPLE AVE	0	0	102,800	102,800	5 800
18	41	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	26,200	26,200	7 200
18	58	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	1,800	1,800	0 350
18	65	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	25,500	25,500	7 000
18	70	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	9 300	9 300	4 000
18	83	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	14 400	14 400	3 850
18	86	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	14 000	14 000	3 740
18	88	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	500	500	0 100
18	109	0		MAPLE AVE	0	0	87,300	87,300	7 680
12	2	3		MERRILL DR	0	0	4,500	4,500	1 800
3	19	0		N BROADWAY	0	0	168,900	168,900	57 870
3	114	0		N BROADWAY	0	0	1 400	1,400	0 138
17	94	0		OAK RIDGE DR	0	0	88,500	88,500	4 100
19	62	0		PINE KNOLL DR	0	0	42 400	42,400	12.000
11	4	0		POPE RD	24 300	28.400	423,700	476,400	12 500
12	2	0		POPE RD	0	0	12,900	12,900	29 570
12	5	0		POPE RD	25 700	0	341,000	366,700	10 000
12	7	1		POPE RD	0	0	19,800	19,800	8 250
12	8	1		POPE RD	0	0	135,400	135,400	11 670
12	12	0		POPE RD	0	0	6,100	6,100	2 440
12	17	0		POPE RD	0	0	6,500	6,500	2.600
17	7	00001A		POPE RD	0	0	38,400	38,400	8 000
5	48	0		ROBIE LN	0	0	280,200	280,200	59 190
16	19	0		RTE 111	0	0	58,800	58,800	1 700
20	15	0		RTE 111	0	0	60,000	60,000	1 000
20	35	0		RTE 111	0	0	338,800	338,800	25 200
3	108	0		SAWYER AVE	0	0	115,700	115,700	13 980
4	11	0		SAWYER AVE	0	0	103,500	103,500	20 000
4	11	1		SAWYER AVE	0	0	131,400	131,400	48 380
7	198	0		SAWYER/SALEM RD	0	0	37,000	37,000	0 370
3	47	0		SLEEPY HOLLOW RD	0	0	7,100	7,100	1 210
23	40	0		STICKNEY RD	0	0	35,600	35,600	0 270
20	23	0		WATERS EDGE	0	0	400	400	0 300
20	31	0		WATERS EDGE	0	0	19,300	19,300	1 000
17	26	3		WESTSIDE DR	0	0	37,100	37,100	0 550
13	110	1		WOODLAWN AVE	0	0	4,400	4,400	0 100
				TOTAL	$1,383,400	$97,000	$5,413,900	$6,894,300	680.817

Independent Auditor's Report

MASON + RICH
Professional Association
Certified Public Accountants
Six Bicentennial Square
Concord NH 03301

June 12, 2002

Board of Selectmen
Town of Atkinson
Atkinson, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire, for the year ended December 31, 2001 we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

During the course of our audit, we did become aware of three matters that were opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiencies. This letter does not affect our report dated June 12, 2002 on the financial statements of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason + Rich Professional Association,
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

CURRENT LAND USE CHANGE TAX WARRANTS

Finding – The Town in 2001 had a very large number (over fifty Form A-5's) of land use change warrants. Unfortunately, the warrants were not presented to the Tax Collector in a format that facilitated the posting of the warrants on the tax software.

Recommendation – We would recommend that the Board include a summary attached to the approved Form A-5's that are given to the Tax Collector. The summary should list the amount of the tax and the map and lot number. This would give the Tax Collector an approved total to reconcile to when the warrants are posted on her software.

Management's Comments – The Assessing Clerk will give to the Tax Collector a summary sheet for the approved Form A-5's; the summary will list the tax, map number and lot number for ease of reconiliation.

GENERAL

GASB #34 COMPLIANCE

Finding – GASB's (Governmental Accounting Standard Board's) Statement #34 will have a wide-ranging impact on municipal accounting in areas as varied as accounting for the Town's assets (land, municipal buildings, vehicles and equipment) to the reporting of bonded debt as a liability of the Town's General Fund. Because of these dramatic changes, the Town needs to begin the process now, in conjunction with its auditors, of addressing the accounting and record keeping items that need to be addressed to comply with GASB #34 in a timely manner.

Recommendation – We recommend that the Town begin the process by determining what needs to be done, how and when this will be done and who will be doing the various items that will be required for the Town to be compliant with GASB #34 in 2003.

Management's Comment – We have talked with our current accounting software company and we will be going to a seminar, which will discuss GASB 34 and software accounting programs/modules. We will probably budget for a module for next year. We will also schedule a time for the auditor to come down and speak with all Department head about GASB 34.

MODIFIED ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING – POSTING OF TAX REVENUES AND RECEIVABLES

Finding – In conjunction with GASB #34, the Town will be reporting on the full accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting purposes. To facilitate this reporting, it is important the the Town's books be maintained on the modified accrual basis, i.e. that taxes receivable and accounts payable be utilized fully on the accounting software package.

Recommendation – The Town should institute accounting policies for the recording of the tax warrants as revenues with receipts posted to tax receivables and the ending balance reconciled to the Tax Collector's month end balances. In addition, the full capabilities of the current accounting software need to be utilized for the posting of invoices in the period that the liability was incurred versus the period when the invoice is paid.

Management's Comment – We will review with the auditor the recommendations for change in some of our accounting practices to move towards the modified accrual basis for tax billing and invoicing.

Annual Report Of The Town Clerk

For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
January 8, 2003

Motor Vehicle Fees	$1,227,918.56
Municipal Agent Fees	18,870.00
Dog Licenses And Unlicensed Fines	6,456.50
Boat Permit Fees	4,340.68
Title Fees	3,452.00
UCC Fees	2,122.00
Marriage Licenses	1,800.00
Certified Copy Fees	1,555.00
Boat State Agent Fees	348.00
Tax Lien Fees	150.00
Boat Town Agent Fees	162.00
Postage	972.55
Pole And Cable License Fees	60.00
Dredge And Fill Permit Fees	30.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Articles Of Agreement	5.00
PAID TREASURER	**$1,268,252.29**

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jette,
Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report

	DEBITS	
Type of Tax	**2002**	**2001**
Uncollected at the Beginning of the Year		
Property Taxes:		$380,921.36
Use Change Taxes:		296,025.89
Timber Yield Taxes:		892.70
Taxes Committed During the Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes:	$11,584,733.00	
Timber Yield Taxes:		892.70
Overpayments Collected During the Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes:	47,386.17	776.31
Use Change Taxes:		921.21
Interest Collected During the Fiscal Year		
On Taxes:	4,961.97	40,669.23
Total Debits:	**$11,637,081.14**	**$721,099.40**

	CREDITS	
Type of Tax	**2002**	**2001**
Collected Fiscal Year Tax:		
Property	$11,276,464.77	$380,089.07
Use Change Tax	0.00	296,025.89
Timber Yield	0.00	0.00
Interest & Penalties	4,961.97	40,669.23
Prior Fiscal Year Credits		0.00
Abatements on Taxes:		
Property	5,819.14	832.29
Timber Yield Tax	0.00	892.70
Deeded	35.00	
Overpayments Collected:		
Property	47,386.17	776.31
Use Change Tax	0.00	921.21
Uncollected at Fiscal Year End:		
Property	302,414.09	
Timber Tax		892.70
Total Credits	**$11,637,081.14**	**$721,099.40**

Tax Collector's Liens Report

Liens at the Beginning of the Fiscal Year

	2001	2000	1999+
Un Redeemed	$23,767.78	$5,388.73	$1,737.36
Liens Executed	323,786.08		
Interest/Costs Collected	8,250.84	2,015.82	641.68
Total Lien Debits	**$355,804.70**	**$7,404.55**	**$2,379.04**

Collected During the Fiscal Year

	2001	2000	1999+
Redemptions	$182,611.90	$5,296.96	$1,159.06
Interest Costs	8,250.84	2,015.82	641.68
Abatements	1,669.78		
Liens Deeded	214.55	91.77	578.30
Balance Year End	163,057.63		
Total Lien Credits	**$355,804.70**	**$7,404.55**	**$2,379.04**

I hereby certify that the above reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. DeSimone,
Certified Tax Collector

Bonded Debt Schedule

Purpose:	Fire Station Project
Original Amount:	$1,021,425.00
Interest Rate:	4.70%
Term:	10 Years
First Payment Due:	2/1/00

For Year Ended 12/31/00	Principal Payments Due	Interest Payments Due	Balance Due $1,021,425.00
12/31/03	$102,143.00	$33,604.81	$612,853.00
12/31/04	$102,143.00	$28,804.10	$510,710.00
12/31/05	$102,142.00	$24,003.37	$408,568.00
12/31/06	$102,142.00	$19,202.69	$306,426.00
12/31/07	$102,142.00	$14,402.02	$204,284.00
12/31/08	$102,142.00	$9,601.35	$102,142.00
12/31/09	$102,142.00	$4,800.68	$0.00
Totals	**$714,996.00**	**$134,419.02**	

Conservation Commission

Treasurer's Summary

January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

Bank Account/Description	*Beginning Balance*	*Interest*	*Deposits*	*Withdrawals*	*Ending Balances*
Banknorth / CD	$50,261.33	$ 854.83	$0.00	($ 4,631.57)	$ 46,484.59
Banknorth / Savings	$ 18,045.25	$ 157.08	$0.00	($16,501.83)	$1,700.50
NH Public Deposit Invest. Pool	$660,168.59	$10,185.91	$23,280.00	$0.00	$693,634.50
Totals	**$728,475.17**	**$11,197.82**	**$23,280.00**	**($21,133.40)**	**$741,819.59**

Treasurer's Summary

For Year Ending December 31, 2002
(Unaudited)

Cash on Hand:			
General Account	$1,167,194.60		
Investments	4,497,149.23		
Total Cash on Hand			**$5,664,343.83**

2002 Recapitulation

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002			**$4,947,167.85**
Income:			
Interest		$49,296.84	
Receipts submitted by:			
Tax Collector	$12,247,270.88		
Town Clerk	1,275,016.29		
Departments	200,776.44		
State of NH	327,210.07		
Grants/Donations	10,406.00		
Total Receipts		14,060,679.68	
Police Fund Donations		26,425.49	
D.A.R.E. Fund Donations		0.00	
Total Income			14,136,402.01
Expenditures - General		(13,407,689.56)	
Police Fund Expenditures		(11,459.96)	
D.A.R.E. Fund Expenditures		(76.51)	
Total Net Expenditures			(13,419,226.03)
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002			**$5,664,343.83**

Long-Term Debt Summary

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002	**$817,139.00**	
Principal Payments	(102,143.00)	
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002		**$714,996.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Coppeta,
Treasurer

Statement of Receipts

For Year Ending December 31, 2002

Description	Revenue
Property Tax	$11,893,781.09
Land Use Change Tax	296,025.89
Penalties and Interest	57,463.90
Business Permits/ Filing Fees	2,426.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,251,201.59
Building Permits	85,795.83
Other Licenses	8,144.50
Dog Fines	2,027.00
Boat Fees	4,850.70
Tax Lien Fees	150.00
Shared Revenue	30,699.20
Shared Revenue - Meals & Rooms	182,054.01
Highway Block Grant	107,485.05
Other Reimbursements - State of NH	6,971.81
Income from Departments	12,685.00
Police Details	22,635.00
Police Grant	10,406.00
Recreational	28,486.00
Sale of Town Property	1,550.00
Interest from Deposits	49,296.84
Cable Income	54,227.16
Other	1,613.95
TOTAL	**$14,109,976.52**

Salaries

Abraham, Jacqueline A.	$52.00
Ananian, Janice E.	4,345.50
Anderson, William L.	4,240.60
Antczak, Nathan J.	152.00
Apitz, Albert E.	23,658.07
Ashford, William K.	6,930.00
Baldwin, William M.	53,061.75
Barnes, Jonathan, A.	695.00
Beckwith, Daniel P.	1,905.30
Beckwith Jr., Frederick	2,496.25
Birr, Carolyn	28,560.16
Bishop, Bruce R.	116.00
Boisvert, Brenda Lee	318.18
Bourassa, Linda E.	10,100.63
Boyle, Brian J.	2,573.07
Boyle, Sharon	116.00
Bradley, Erin T.	2,777.00
Bradley, Julie E.	2,688.20
Brown, Mathew M.	240.00
Buco Jr., Richard A.	40,424.65
Budzyna, Nicole M.	1,470.00
Burke, Kathryn M.	3,622.50
Busby, Philip A.	175.00
Busby, Virginia A.	498.75
Cammilleri, Andrew T.	3,470.60
Cardone, Paul E.	3,570.00
Chamberlain, Joseph	6,725.00
Childs Jr., Fred	15,987.30
Cianci, Roberta S.	12,023.75
Cole, Jane E.	11,146.00
Collins, Maurice R.	148.00
Consentino, David L.	4,767.96
Consentino, Joanne	25,362.54
Consentino, Philip	22,166.58
Coppeta, Susan B.	2,000.00
Culliford, Roger W.	7,352.30
Dame, Ryan H.	1,322.02
Davey, Joseph C.	336.02
Deming, Yvette F.	56.00
DeRosa, Joseph A.	3,764.62
DeSimone, Debra	31,921.45
DeSimone, Robert J.	24.00
Desjardins, Robert	4,409.24
Desmond, Amy	1,470.00
Desmond, Kimberly	1,470.00
Devine, Michael J.	595.20
Deyermond, Jullian L.	1,826.25
DiBartolomeo, Michael	6,285.00
Dillon, Adele H.	1,130.00
Donnelly, Kevin M.	12,070.70
Dorman, Paul M.	225.00
Doughty, Gwendolyn	32.00
Duffy, Mary B.	6,707.30
Duffy, Megan A.	1,518.75
Dufresne, Justin R.	370.00
Duquette, Lucille M.	3,285.58
Earley, Charles	6,644.22
Enos, Theresa H.	174.00
Fabrucci, Peter	1,518.75
Farrar, Philip G.	41,617.00
Ferrelli, Patricia A.	4,541.26
Feuer, John L.	556.70
Flis, Steven F.	6,429.70
Fried, Tara N.	63.20
Fritz, Douglas	1,466.25
Gale, Ronald W.	914.10
Galvin, Shirley	35,334.00
Garrant, Susan J.	186.00
Georgian, George J.	615.00
Giuffre, Linda M.	4,005.55
Goldstein, Eric A.	2,259.00
Holigan, David J.	1,008.80
Holigan, Jessica	63.00
Hollenbeck, Darrell A.	3,691.68
Houle, Joan	14,137.20
Isola, Stephen	24,115.31
Iuele, Anthony J.	375.00
Jackson, Denise	256.00
Jette, Linda	44,450.60
Johnson, Alizah W.	1,396.50
Jones, Robert	16,973.40
Judge, Timothy J.	4,279.48
Kenney, Shawn M.	1,211.00
King, Amanda L.	1,518.75
Kinney, Diane	25,168.89
Kinney, Karen	2,182.36
Kirsch, James H.	4,236.60
Lamarre, Kathleen	1,282.50

Salaries (Cont'd)

Landry, Jason D.	2,486.00
Landry, Kevin J.	3,624.67
Larkin, Collette B.	48.00
Leone, John R.	15.00
LeVallee, Sandra M.	41,778.02
LeVeille, Nichole M.	1,372.00
Linnehan, William A.	930.00
Lopez, William M.	2,630.81
Lopez Sr., Anthony L.	4,384.34
Lorden, Gary J.	20,814.04
Lynch, Michael J.	1,382.50
MacDonald, Martha	468.13
Macomber, Patricia E.	4,151.75
Malone, Suzanne	476.88
Mangini, Patricia	26,021.26
McCarthy, Charles	19,195.32
McHugh, Peter J.	108.00
McLaughlin, Laura M.	1,155.00
Miller, James	1,110.00
Miller, Keith E.	416.00
Morelli, Raymond	7,485.00
Morelli, Virginia	2,495.00
Murphy, Jeffrey M.	764.10
Murphy, Michael E.	4,800.13
Murphy, Pamela C.	3,864.00
Murphy Jr., Donald L.	810.00
Neill, Robert C.	93.16
O'Meara, Gerard M.	3,844.95
Orio, Nick D.	392.04
Paglierani, Philip	3,550.00
Pallaria, David A.	4,035.00
Paquette, Justin I.	35,230.97
Parrillo, Lori A.	104.17
Paszko, Christopher J.	1,190.00
Patterson, Caitlin	1,470.00
Penny, Mark R.	256.68
Perkins, Jennifer J.	1,857.05
Perry, Joseph V.	5,820.40
Pimental, Douglas	1,518.75
Polito, Francis G.	100.00
Putney, Kenneth L.	870.00
Ray, Kenneth C.	75.00
Ray, Nicholas, C.	623.10
Reed, Warner A.	84.35
Regan, Paul D.	10,024.76
Richards, Victor F.	20,360.51
Richardson, Kyle A.	1,462.50
Riehl, Cheryl L.	8.00
Roberts, Donald	940.76
Rockwell, John F.	781.84
Rollins, Betty	4,234.60
Roy, Natalie L.	1,470.00
Russo, Rebecca A.	1,500.00
Ryan, Christopher M.	21,478.99
Samowski-Kater, Carol	2,138.72
Scarvaglieri, Vincent	5,030.10
Scott, Brennan T.	400.00
Scott, Janet I.	60.00
Seastedt, Tye R.	1,347.50
Seckendorf, Howard	10,854.00
Seckendorf, Warren P.	13,002.87
Snicer, Barbara	1,560.00
Soave, Daniel R.	1,403.50
Stewart, Barbara L.	3,250.20
Stewart, Edward A.	31,970.92
Stewart, Patricia A.	625.00
Stobbs, Jean A.	1,553.30
Sullivan, Donna J.	13,999.40
Sullivan, Paul	358.83
Sylvester, Shirley A.	164.00
Tetreault, John R.	1,978.40
Torosian, Marybeth	8.00
Turell, Matthew M.	3,029.70
Turell, Michael C.	812.50
Valvanis, George N.	1,518.75
Viglione, Raymond J.	170.00
Walker, Dan W.	39,986.97
Weymouth, David M.	23,544.54
White Paul E.	1,415.00
Widman, Joseph H.	3,036.00
Wisecarver, Meagan E.	110.00
Wood, Scott W.	3,239.05
Woodbury, Elaine M.	20,663.50
Wooster, Stephen J.	626.08
Yoshida, Noriko	9,543.60
TOTAL SALARIES	**$1,110,991.53**

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Vendor	Payments
125 Tools, Inc.	$125.00
1st Responder Newspaper	75.00
A & C Tire Co.	4,985.84
A Safe Place	200.00
Academy Tree Service	790.00
Adamson Industries Corp.	4,425.19
Adel-XT Computer Co.	52,841.04
Adirondack Direct	510.41
Advanced Recycling	200.00
Advanta Bank Corp.	1,016.49
AFLAC	2,122.57
Air Cleaning of NE, LLC	481.87
Airgas, Inc.	624.04
Alert-All Corp.	81.20
All Bright Systems, LLC	2,460.00
Allen, Robert H.	100.48
Alliance for Cmmnty Media	195.00
Allstate Sign	73.53
American Fire Journal	24.95
American Girl	19.95
American Historical Press	57.71
American Library Assoc.	499.94
American Library Preview	214.07
AMR of Mass., Inc.	18,999.98
Anco, Inc.	18.00
Anderson, William	1,077.38
Andover Marker, Co.	280.51
Antczak, Nathan	963.80
Anthem Life	319.50
Anton Enterprises, Inc.	566.02
Apollo Safety, Inc.	418.50
Apparel 2000	148.58
Apple Books	843.84
Apple Time, Inc.	148.62
APWA-NE Chapter	90.00
Arakis Publishing/Fire Pro	2,321.24
Arch Wireless	39.95
Architectural Digest	295.00
AT&T	1,523.67
AT&T Wireless	1.72
ATCO International	925.55
Atkinson Academy PTA	200.00
Atkinson Cleaning Service	11,040.00
Atkinson Community Center	50.00
Atkinson Garden Club	800.00
Atkinson Graphics	4,242.25
Atkinson Resort & Country	4,200.00
Atkinson Road Race	400.00
Atkinson Tax Collector	323,786.08
Atkinson Village Store	977.70
Atkinson Women's Civic Club	100.00
Atkinson Youth Baseball	3,000.00
Atlantic	2,542.20
Audio Editions	1,971.93
Auto Electric Service, Inc.	557.89
Avitar Association of NE,	7,947.50
Baker & Taylor, Inc.	9,569.12
Baldwin, William	1,208.90
Banknorth, NA	413,050.83
Barcelos, George	1,500.00
Barons	1,003.00
Baxter, Florence A.	11.99
Beacon Electric Sales, Inc.	489.07
Beaulieu, R. Bruce	50.88
Beckwith, Ellen	220.73
Beckwith, Fred	89.92
Bell Herring	466.31
Ben's Uniforms	2,375.80
Better Business Bureau	300.00
Better Homes & Garden	20.00
Bickford, K.	4,804.00
Bidgood, Alison M.	78.00
Biography	43.94
Birr, Carolyn	289.00
Bishop, Bruce	458.20
BJ's Wholesale Club	40.00
Blue Book	20.00
Bluemel, Karen	25.00
BOCA International	546.00
Bohman, Chris	60.00
Bon Appetit	24.00
Bonin, P&C Properties	400.00
Book Den, The	16.00
Book Links	44.75
Boraczek	50.00
BorderArea MutualAir Assoc	25.00
Boston Duck Tours	847.35
Boston Globe	364.00
Boston Magazine	18.00
Boucher, Mark A.	26.02

Vendor Payment Summary (Continued)

Vendor	Payments
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	2,435.68
Bourassa, Linda	113.76
aBoyle, Brian	190.06
Boy's Life	18.00
Bradley Electrical Cont.	644.00
Brodart, Co.	537.70
Brooks/Maxi Drug	196.44
Brown, Christopher	300.00
Brown's River Bindery, Inc.	125.00
Brox Industries, Inc.	20,372.92
Brushwood Veterinary Clinic	405.00
Buco, Richard	251.84
Buczynski, Sandra	240.08
Busby Construction Co., Inc.	368,317.89
Busby, Virginia A.	254.40
Business Communications,	29.95
Business Connection Printer	161.70
Business Week	59.97
Butler Bank	10.98
C & D Auto Clinic	5,933.00
C & H Dist., Inc.	164.07
CAC Mechanical Services	801.26
California Cont. Supplies	946.96
Cammilleri, Andrew	376.19
Carpentier, A.	452.45
Carriage Towne News	78.00
Carter & Coleman	1,743.00
Carver, John	99.50
Casey Paper Co., Inc.	739.22
Catch Basin Cleaners	4,160.00
CCR Data Systems, Inc.	402.85
Cen-Com	1,894.00
Censullo, Paul	98.53
Center for Life Magement	6,805.00
Central Equipment Co., Inc.	191.00
Century Copier Specialists	2,122.83
Chabot, Robert	1,032.16
Chaff Vending Service, Inc.	150.00
Chamberlain, Joseph	60.00
Chambers, Michael	145.00
Champagne, David	100.48
Channing & Bete Co.	325.28
Chase Manhatten Mtg. Corp.	80.32
Childs, Dale	33.47
Childs, Fred	1,160.33

Vendor	Payments
Chili's	20.00
Christenson, T.	754.84
CHS	1,500.00
Cingular Wireless	1,427.88
Circulation Center	14.97
Classified Connections	118.43
Clear Choice Computers	7,015.00
Coast Maint. Supply Co.	191.75
Coastal Office Services	560.00
Cobblestone Publishing, Inc.	59.90
Code Book Store, The	140.00
Cole, Jane	1,172.46
Colella Esq., Stephen P.	107.00
Colonial Ins-Proc. Center	1,040.06
Community Electric Supply	530.96
Community Newsdealers,	56.00
Conde Nast Traveler	19.97
Connor & Connor, Inc.	500.00
Consentino, Philip	574.21
Conservation Commission	23,280.00
Consolidated Plastics Co.	154.89
Consumer Reports	44.00
Conway Association, Inc.	4,182.00
Cooking Light	22.00
Coppeta, Sue	28.97
Copycat Press, Inc.	18.95
Core Health Services	89.00
Councilman Electric, Inc.	1,031.76
Country Woman	14.98
Countrywide	9,921.53
Crystal Hills Water Systems	180.20
Custom Car Alarm	225.00
D.A.R.E. America Merch.	92.81
Dallas MidWest Co.	165.85
Dave's Sporting Goods	2,195.40
David Heating & Cooling	154.00
Davidson Titles, Inc.	768.18
Davis, Shirley B.	100.00
DeChiara, Chris	33.06
Delahunty Nurseries, Inc.	175.99
Demco, Inc.	1,165.32
Demoulas Super Markets	310.02
Derbyshire, Traverse	1,025.00
DeRosa of Plaistow, Inc.	88.90
DeSimone, Debra	410.10

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Vendor	Payments
Devine, Millimet & Branch	2,163.22
Difeo's Oil Co. Inc.	8,769.72
Dillon, Adele	63.86
Disc-Go Entertainment	200.00
Discover	29.95
Discover Transcription	47.25
Disney Adventures	17.97
Document Security, Inc.	5,225.00
Dodge's Agway	230.57
Dodge's Farm & Garden, Inc.	302.70
Dodge's Grain Co., Inc.	8.00
Doherty, Vincent	891.14
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	9,839.12
DOR - Wage Reporting Unit	6,938.52
Dragon Mosquito Control,	5,000.00
Dube Construction Plus, Inc.	6,164.40
Duda Spring, Inc.	110.00
Dunn's Equipment	27.40
Duquette, Lucille	35.41
E & H	14,447.25
Eagle Dist. Co.	98.00
Eagle Tribune, The	5,912.48
Early Law Offices	70.13
East Coast Lumber Co., Inc.	3,605.41
Eastern Salt Co., Inc.	35,442.78
Ebsco Info Services	3,096.57
ECL Rentals	1,574.69
Economist, The	49.90
Edgefield Veterinary	58.00
Elite Escrow&Closing Serv.	1,165.00
Ellston, Susan J.	1,118.93
Emergency Educators Group	1,937.31
Engineered System Solutions	925.00
Evarts, Lisa	200.00
Exeter Flower Shop, The	840.00
Experian	165.95
Exxon Mobil Fleet	15,197.96
Fairfield, Inc., H. P.	4,950.00
Family Fun	11.95
Family Mediation Program	8,468.00
Ferrelli, Pat	10.98
Feuer Lumber Co., Inc.	537.14
Fidelity National Bank	105.38
Fine Wood Working	32.00
Fire Appartus	21.00
Fire Engineering	19.95
Fire Rescue Magazine	25.95
Fire Tech. & Safety of NE	4,876.22
Firehouse Magazine	28.97
Firematic Supply Co., Inc.	734.00
First Amer. R. E. Tax Service	16,881.14
Flag & Gift Conn. Ltd.	3,502.35
Flanagan, Patti	45.00
Fleet	2,934.00
Fletcher, Michael	17.92
Flood & Hartigan, PC	901.21
Foggarty, Kenneth&Virginia	317.00
Foley, Ryan	157.50
Forbes Magazine	29.98
Foremost Promotions	180.93
Fortune	65.00
Freedom Tire, Inc.	4,323.32
Freshwater Farms, Inc.	3,529.63
Frost Motor Inn, The Robert	675.00
Future Supply Corp.	480.15
G.T.I., Inc.	195.00
Gale Group, The	1,925.03
Galloway Trucking	156.87
Galls, Inc.	3,427.65
Galvin, Shirley	61.96
Garabedian, George	881.64
Gate City Monument	1,002.00
George, Jamie	26.50
Girl Scout Senior Troop 46	100.00
Good Housekeeping	21.97
Goodridge, Patricia	27.50
Grainger, Inc.	165.04
Granite State Analytical	970.00
Grant, Kenneth	108.56
Granz Turf Depot	270.00
Graves, Roger & Richard	55.00
Greater Salem Caregivers	1,365.00
Green Tree Farm	275.00
Greenskeeper, The	2,051.43
Greenworld	417.00
Grover, Ethel	296.20
H & L Realty Trust	2,049.00
Hall Farm Realty Trust	22,755.53
Hamel Enterprises	2,895.00
Hampstead Print & Copy	172.00

Vendor Payment Summary (Continued)

Vendor	Payments
Hampstead Trophy	235.00
Hardy, Kimberley	180.00
Harold's Locksmith	280.50
Harpers	20.00
Harris Assocociation	86.50
Hartnett, Michael	25.00
Harvard Pilgrim Health, Inc.	96,600.60
Hasago, LLC	3,143.63
Healthtrust	11,188.19
Herlihy, Mary	100.69
Hermit Hill Books	29.00
Hershey Youth Track	200.00
Highsmith Co., Inc., The	550.64
Hill Martin Shop	247.20
Hi-Torque Publications, Inc.	19.98
Home Depot	2,390.47
Hoovers, Inc.	42.95
Hop Sales & Service	76.50
Horizon Settlement	47.00
Horn Book, Inc., The	57.00
Horticulture	24.00
House & Garden	13.00
Hub Cap Haven	224.85
Hubbard, Donald	120.00
Hutchins, Brian	30.00
IAFC - Expo Exchange	565.00
Inc	19.00
Information Today, Inc.	320.00
Insurance Solutions Corp.	68,906.39
Intellabooks, Inc.	187.04
Inter. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	175.00
Inter. Brotherhood of Police	1,610.00
Inter. Conf.- Police Chaplains	100.00
Inter. Inst. of Municipal Clerk	95.00
Internet Crimes	998.00
Interstate Emergency Unit	150.00
Intertec Publishing Co.	114.00
Interware Development Co	4,121.00
Irwin Motors, Inc.	16,373.00
Isola, Stephen	34.42
J & N Fieldstone Supply, Inc.	140.00
Jack's Towing Service	281.00
JAF Industries, Inc.	1,359.60
Jaycor Tactical Systems	300.00
JEMS	28.97
Jessica's Biscuit	177.31
Jette, Linda	1,213.70
Jones, Robert	35.64
Joyce, William	1,500.00
Kalman, Sumner	10,478.90
Kaplan, Michael	14.08
Kayworth, Alfred	15.00
Keach-Nordstrom Assoc.	15,611.20
Kids Discover	19.95
Kimball Tree Service	500.00
King Graphics	1,062.00
Kingston Materials	132.00
Kinney, Diane	91.92
Kinney's Garage	9,695.73
Kirkus Reviews	250.00
Kiwanis Club of Salem	120.00
KJ's Electric, Inc.	1,238.00
Knox Co.	135.00
Kukshtel, Scott	105.00
Kustom Signals, Inc.	7,920.00
Kyricos, Catherine	100.69
L & D Safety Marking Corp.	255.00
Laerdal Med Corp.	1,104.00
LaFlamme, Bradley	100.00
Laidlaw Education Service	1,605.00
Lake Street Garden Center	181.97
Lamprey Health Care	1,850.00
Land & Boundary Con., Inc.	1,315.00
Landmark Audio Books	1,045.83
Law Enforcements System	270.20
Lawson, Barbara	25.00
Leith Flower Shop	60.00
Leone, John	725.00
Lereta Corp.	2,328.53
Letoile Roofing Co., Inc.	299.00
LeVallee, Sandra	46.80
Lewis Builders, Inc.	52,877.74
Lewis, Inc., Steven	32.40
Lexisnexis Mattew Bender	808.92
LHS Assoc., Inc.	6,456.64
Library Journal	119.00
Library Store, Inc., The	657.36
Lindsay Rose Catering	200.00
Linehan Limousine, Inc.	175.00
Living	28.00

Vendor Payment Summary (Continued)

Vendor	Payments
Longchamp, Jonathan	25.00
Lopez, Matt	215.92
Loral Press, Inc.	9,164.19
Lorden, Gary	416.40
Lowell Spinners	304.00
Lube King, The	31.95
Lustenberger, N.	1,662.74
MacDonald Office Equip. Co.	158.00
MacDonald, Martha	41.07
Mace, Robert	29.85
Macomber, Pat	41.82
Maguire Pest Control	552.00
Malone Jr., John	3,894.00
Malone, Suzanne	54.59
Maloney, Bill	1,701.27
Mangini, Patti	962.71
Manning, Joshua	157.50
Marquis Who's Who	153.13
Mason & Rich Prof. Assoc.	6,913.08
Mason, Inc., W. B.	231.28
Mass. Horticultural Society	716.00
MB Tractor & Equipment	204.71
McCarthy, Charles	2,605.35
McFarland, Leah	300.00
McKinney Artesian Well	2,361.33
McVay, Peter	25.00
Medtronic Physio-Control	1,484.80
Merri Hill Coop	35.00
Merrill & Sons, Inc.	942.00
Merrimack Business Equip't.	59.00
Merrimack Valley Hospital	935.80
Messina, Atty. at Law, Susan	121.11
Metro2000 Internet Services	215.46
Micromarketing, LLC	503.81
Miller, James	175.00
Miller, Keith	1,683.60
Minor Sr., Donald	3,849.54
MNI	69.00
Mobile Fleet	502.46
Molloy, Carol	39.53
Money	39.95
Moonbeam Publishing, Inc.	224.54
Morelli, Raymond	457.94
Mother Earth News	14.95
Motor Trend	10.00

Vendor	Payments
Motorola	3,017.25
Moynihan Lumber /Plaistow	129.75
Municipal Emergency Servi.	30,189.00
Munsey, Ernest	263.69
Murad, Robert	83.01
Murphy & Sons, Inc.	264.00
Murphy, Mike	1,603.07
Murphy, Pam	231.86
Museum of Science	600.00
Najem, Arthur	100.33
Nat. Fire Protection Assoc.	1,441.50
Nat.Fire Sprinkler Assoc.	85.00
National Geographic	34.00
National Graphic Supply	61.77
Nat. Nghborhd Watch Inst.	30.00
National Vol. Fire Council	50.00
Nat. Retirement Solution	25,635.00
Natural Health	23.90
Natural Res. Consult Services	21,133.40
Nault, Genevieve	2,025.36
NE Reg. Tax Coll. Assoc.	30.00
Neptune, Inc.	7,824.90
N.E. Aquarium	550.00
N.E. Assoc. Chiefs of Police	50.00
N.E. Assoc. of Town Clerks	20.00
N.E. Barricade	269.68
N.E. Concrete Products, Inc.	2,450.00
N.E. Library Assoc.	158.00
N.E. Micrographics, Inc.	5,000.00
N.E. Police Info Network	50.00
N.E. Telephone	685.98
N.E. Traffic Cont. Services	194.75
Newsweek	42.00
Nextel Communications	4,111.21
NH Assoc. of Assessing Official	20.00
NH Assoc. of Chiefs of Police	100.00
NH Assoc. of Cons. Comm.	253.00
NH Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	35.00
NH Fire Prevention Soc.	102.00
NH Firemen's Assoc.	256.00
NH Library Assoc.	95.00
NH Library Trustees Assoc.	20.00
NH Magazine	12.97
NH Municipal Assoc.	6,812.99
NH Poster Comp.Center	111.50

Vendor Payment Summary (Continued)

Vendor	Payments
NH Recreation & Park Assoc.	20.00
NH Retirement System	28,385.16
NH Town Clerks Assoc.	20.00
NHEMA	180.00
NHGFOA	25.00
NHSA	25.00
NHTCA	265.00
NNEC-APA	10.00
Northeast Comm. Cr.Union	127.00
Northeast Recycling	915.00
Northeast Resource Rec.	500.00
Northern Oak Floor	14,654.49
Northern Utilities	880.75
Nyberg Purvis & Assoc.	29,160.00
Office of State Planning	6.75
O'Leary, Diane	8.50
Olympus Servicing, LP	14.63
O'Meara, G.	30.00
Oprah Magazine, The	24.00
Paglierani, Philip	175.00
Pallaria Electric, Inc.	217.35
Palmer Gas	1,156.87
Paquette, Justin	405.48
Parkland Medical Center	900.00
Patch Dev. Corp	84.00
PC Magazine	45.42
PDR - Red Book	139.90
Pennichuck Water Works	216.83
People	108.68
Pete's Sewer Service	805.00
Petra Paving, Inc.	4,817.00
PGF Corp.	4.50
Philips Med. Systems	270.00
Phil's Signs	250.00
Photo Stop, Inc.	446.31
Pickity Place	446.20
Pillsbury, Trina	490.00
Pine State Elevator Co.	319.50
Pinto, Richard & Ann	18.24
Pitney Bowes	1,064.07
Plaistow Softball Assoc.	200.00
Plourde Sand & Gravel Co.	3,391.62
Poland Spring Water Co.	2,105.74
Pomerleau, W.	206.20
Poole, John	100.00
Portsmouth Marine Soc.	80.91
Positive Promotions	31.95
Postmaster - Atkinson	2,977.80
Pothier, Charles	100.57
Preservation Society, The	1,100.00
Primedia Business	202.00
Primex	8,807.55
Principal Res. Mortgage	5,958.00
Print Management Group	99.75
Priority 1	195.00
Prism Consulting, Inc.	922.60
Psychotherapy Assoc., Inc.	112.50
Public Service of NH	266.29
Pulsar Alarm System, LTD	2,864.00
Quality Fire Proctection, Inc.	700.00
Quill Corporation	2,463.92
RAD Recycling	210.00
Radio Market	117.90
Radio Shack	81.53
RAK Industries	1,229.12
RAM Printing	2,233.00
Real Data Corp.	34.00
Recorded Books, LLC	6.50
Red Oaks Property Mgmt.	300.00
Regan Ford	14,704.86
Regan, Paul	90.93
Register of Deeds	926.00
Reiman Publications	44.96
Remote Works, Inc.	4,230.00
REP Landscaping, Inc.	300.00
Richard's Steel & Iron	1,510.00
Riley's Sport Shope, Inc.	1,796.50
Rinker Materials	423.20
Ritz Camera	119.96
Rockingham Community Act	1,500.00
Rockingham Cty. Treasurer	816,278.00
Rockingham Planning Comm.	5,366.00
Rockingham Visiting Nurse	7,038.00
Rosie	15.97
RSVP	100.00
Ryan, Chris	336.19
Ryan, Sarina	30.00
Sagebrush Tech.	495.00
Salem Senior Singers	75.00
Samson Fastener Co., Inc.	50.00

Vendor Payment Summary (Cont'd)

Vendor	Payments
Scarvaglieri, Vincent	185.00
Schwaab, Inc.	237.25
Seacare Health Services	528.00
Seacoast Newspapers	56.45
Seckendorf, Howard	7,241.10
Seckendorf, Warren	1,699.83
Senter Auto Supply	2,444.75
Serratore, John	3,586.00
Seventeen	19.95
Sexual Assault Support Serv.	525.00
Sheehan, Schiavoni & Jutras	400.00
Sherwin-Williams	150.77
Shopper, Inc., The	165.76
Sign Center	620.00
Sirchie Print Labs, Inc.	511.73
Sirois Brothers	1,368.75
Skelley Motor Co.	478.31
Smith & Wesson Camera	164.16
Smith Equipment, Inc.	222.00
Smith's Fire Equipment, Inc.	337.75
Snicer, Barbara	25.00
Snow, Don	200.00
So. NH Hazardous Materials	5,000.00
Souhegan Val. AquaCulture	300.00
Sports Illustrated for Kids	31.96
Springlook Landscaping, Inc.	16,201.80
Staples	9,966.73
State Line Pet, Inc.	257.47
State of NH	312.50
State of NH - Treasurer	2,651.50
Stein, Michael & Gina	15.75
Stevenson, Paul	9.91
Stewart, A. Robert	38,891.60
Stewart, Barbara	250.00
Stewart, Courtney	60.00
Stewart, D.	18.60
Stewart, Edward	17,185.45
Still, Anita	40.00
Stoffel Seals Corp.	621.50
Stop	25.00
Sullivan Tire Co.	1,827.36
Sullivan, Brian	633.03
Sullivan, Michael	100.63
Sullivan, Paul	56.48
Summit Signs	160.00
Summit Title Services	271.38
Sunoco	3,320.25
Sunoco A-plus Store	500.00
Sylvester, Joseph	345.00
Syms	100.00
Syndistar, Inc.	240.25
Tamarack Tree Service	8,850.00
Tape Services, Inc.	77.47
Taste of Home	23.90
Taunton Direct, Inc.	32.95
TCS Communications Corp.	225.00
Team Sports Connection	831.73
Terra Map	1,927.00
Tetreault, John	31.70
Thompson Publishing Group	426.00
Thompson, Cathy	700.00
Thompson, Frederick	121.11
Timberlane Community Band	500.00
Timberlane High Band Camp	520.00
Timberlane Hockey Boosters	100.00
Timberlane Ind. Basketball	300.00
Timberlane Jr. Owls Hockey	100.00
Timberlane Reg. School Dist.	8,738,873.00
Timberlane Ski Team	25.00
Timberlane Youth Lacrosse	400.00
Timberwolves Soccer Club	400.00
Time	72.20
Time Books	34.90
TMDE Calibration Lab, Inc.	310.00
Todo, Inc.	19.95
Top Copy	794.50
Tower Publishing	92.00
Town of Atkinson	170.00
Town of Danville	1,328.91
Town of Milton	2,716.56
Town of Plaistow	33,922.47
Toys "R" Us	730.15
Transamerica R.E. Tax Serv.	10,127.00
Travelers Express	10.00
Traynor Glass Co.	200.00
Treadway Graphics	230.55
Treasurer, State of NH	2,778.55
TRHS PTSA	280.00
Trombly Bus Lines	7,000.00
Trustees of the Trust Fund	65,000.00

Vendor Payment Summary (Cont'd)

Vendor	Payments
Two Way Communications	2,341.99
UniFund, LLC	1,538.16
Union Leader	681.28
United Business Machines	2,115.94
United Divers, Inc.	1,419.71
United Paper & Novelty Co.	85.62
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.	50,271.45
University of NH	90.00
University Prod., Inc.	35.60
Uptack Plumbing	4,231.92
US Alliance Fed. Cr.Union	547.00
US News	63.50
US Postal Service	5,000.00
Value Line Publishing, Inc.	823.00
Verizon	20,848.62
Verizon Wireless	570.70
Vic Geary Center	3,000.00
Video Big	12.00
Vision Appraisal Tech., Inc.	2,000.00
Vogue	15.00
Walker, Dan	500.35
Wallace, Thomas	484.16
Walnut Ridge Water Co., Inc.	9,320.60
Washington Mutual	4,052.46
Washington Post, The	39.00
Waste Management of NH	455,260.52
Wayne Co., Lee	542.75
Wells Fargo	3,659.00
West Group	259.00
Westville Grand Rental	3,651.37
Westville Supply, Inc.	1,722.47
Wexler, Herbert	1,403.22
Weymouth, David	150.00
Wheeled Coach Ind., Inc.	38.45
Whitney, Peggy	90.61
Wilson Co., The	153.00
Wired	12.00
Wisconsin Dept. of Pub. Inst.	33.00
Wisler, Dale	7.00
Wolf, Brandon	500.00
Wood, Richard	1,147.50
Wood, Scott	103.37
Woodbury, Elaine	267.29
Woodbury, Robert	804.29
Workers' Credit Union	506.07
World Magazine	17.95
Wulf, Gary	218.95
Yankee	42.00
Yoshida, Noriko	7,304.81
Zep Manufacturing Co.	68.89
TOTAL	**$12,679,793.66**

State of New Hampshire
Town of Atkinson
2003 Town Meeting Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Dyke Auditorium of Atkinson Academy on Saturday the 8th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to deliberate upon the articles included in the warrant.

You are also notified to meet on Tuesday the eleventh of March 2003, at 7 o'clock in the morning in the Atkinson Community Center, to vote by official ballot on the election of town officials and on all warrant articles. By vote of the Selectmen, the polls for the meeting will remain open from 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the evening:

Article 2003-1 ***Choose officers for the coming year.***

Article 2003-2 ***Zoning amendment Section 610:7a***
Are you in favor of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section 610:7a and addition of new Section 610:7b to formalize the procedure required to assure the Planning Board that low-moderate dwellings are offered to qualified individuals and/or families.

Amended Section 610:7(a) and new Section 610:7(b):
610:7(a) The Planning Board must be placed in an assured position that the low-moderate income housing accommodations shall be provided to individuals and families meeting the low-moderate income standard *as defined by New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), or qualifying as permanently disabled, as defined by Social Security Administration".* An assurance of compliance with housing assistance program provisions relative to the sale or lease of units for low-moderate income individuals and families must be met by the proposal *and will include a qualification letter from NHHFA prior to issuance of Certificate of Use and Occupancy.*
(b) Low-moderate units created after adoption of this ordinance will be required to carry a deed restriction to maintain the property as a low-moderate dwelling for a period of at least five years.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-3 ***Zoning Amendment—Definition of Prime Wetland***
Are you in favor of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance by replacing P4, the Existing 'Prime Wetlands' definition to bring it into agreement with the NH State RSAs and Rules.

Replace existing P4 Prime Wetlands definition with the following text:
P4 PRIME WETLANDS. Prime wetlands are wetlands of significant value that are designated because of their uniqueness, fragility and or unspoiled character pursuant to RSA 482-A:15 and as codified in New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Wt 700.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-4 ***Zoning Amendment Section -- 610***

Are you in favor of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance/Building Code by replacing Section 610 to adopt the latest Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy, International One and Two Family Dwelling Code and International Fire Code.

Replace existing Building Code Section 610:1 with the following text:

610:1 All conventionally-constructed buildings shall conform to and comply with the following: International Building Code, Edition 2000; National Electric Code, Edition 2002; International Plumbing Code, Edition 2000; International Mechanical Code, Edition 2000; State Energy Code, Edition 2000; International One and Two Family Dwelling Code, Edition 2000; and International Fire Code, Edition 2000.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-5 ***Zoning Ordinance Deletion***

Are you in favor of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance/Building Code, by deleting Section 640:1&2, and Section 680:1 (a)(b) & (c) to eliminate redundancy of codes included in the latest Building Codes.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-6 ***Zoning Amendment—Section 630***

Are you in favor of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance/Building Code by deleting Section 630:1(a) through (k) and replacing them with a new Section 630:1 to amend the existing Electrical wiring section to conform with the latest National Electric Code.

Replace existing Building/Electrical Code Section 630:1 with the following text:

All electrical installations must conform to the National Electric Code 2002 (NFPA Volume 70). The 2002 NEC shall supersede all previous electrical codes and electrical ordinances.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-7 ***Zoning Amendment—Section 495***

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section 495:1 by adding a new Section which would require the installation of residential sprinkler systems in new and/or vertically renovated single family residences in excess of two stories above grade, and as more specifically defined by BOCA 1999, Chapter 5, Section 502.0 and by amending Section 530. Area, Yard, Coverages, Height and General Requirements Chart by adding new subsections G1 & G2 and adding a new footnote #9. Also, adding a new Definition (S5) under Article III and re-codify the remaining definitions under 'S'.

Newly proposed, Article IV, Section 495:1:

"Residential: All new and/or vertically renovated single family living units, constructed in Atkinson, that have in excess of two stories above grade as defined by BOCA 1999, Chapter 5, Section 502.0, page 57, shall be sprinklered as per NFPA, 13D."

Newly proposed definition:

"S5 Stories are defined by BOCA 1999, Chapter 5, Section 502.0, Page 57."

Recommended by the Planning Board
Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-8 ***Zoning -- National Fire Protection Codes***

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the previously approved National Fire Protection Codes to adopt the following new codes:

(NFPA 76) the 'Recommended Practice for the Fire Protection of Telecommunications Facilities'

This amendment will provide the recommended practice for fire protection of telecommunications facilities where telephone, data, cellular, internet and video services are rendered.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-9 ***Zoning -- National Fire Protection Codes***

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the previously approved National Fire Protection Codes to adopt the following new codes:

(NFPA 560) 'Standard for the Storage, Handling and Use of Ethylene Oxide for Sterilization and Fumigation'

This amendment will provide the standard for the storage and handling of ethylene oxide in portable containers for its use in sterilization and fumigation. It also shall apply to flammable mixtures of ethylene oxide with other chemicals.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-10 ***Zoning Amendment-- National Fire Protection Codes***

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the previously approved National Fire Protection Codes to adopt the following new code:

(NFPA 484) the code for Combustible Metals, Metal Powders, and Metal Dusts.

This Amendment will provide minimum design regulations to safeguard life, health, property, and public welfare and to minimize injuries by regulation and collecting the permitting, design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures within the jurisdiction and certain equipment specifically regulated herein.

Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2003-11 ***Operating Budget***

Shall the Town of Atkinson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three Million Two Hundred Forty-one Thousand One Hundred Ninety-five Dollars ($3,241,195). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Three Million Twenty-three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy–six Dollars ($3,023,676) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Atkinson or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-12 ***Highland Road***
To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct .2 miles of Highland Road to a width of 20 feet and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-two Thousand Dollars ($62,000) for this purpose. All work will be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-13 ***Scottsdale Road***
To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct .2 miles of Scottsdale Road to a width of 20 feet and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-two Thousand Dollars ($62,000) for this purpose. All work will be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-14 ***Sleepy Hollow Road***
To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct .5 miles of Sleepy Hollow Road to a width of 20 feet and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($108,500) for this purpose. All work will be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-15 ***Juniper Road***
To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct .3 miles of Juniper Road to a width of 20 feet and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-three Thousand Dollars ($93,000) for this purpose. All work will be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-16 ***Forest Road***
To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct .1 miles of Forest Road to a width of 20 feet and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-one Thousand Dollars ($31,000) for this purpose. All work will be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-17 ***Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement—Union Contract***
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Atkinson and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local #563 which calls for the following increases in salaries ands benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2003	$35,741

and further to raise and appropriate the sum Thirty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-one Dollars

($35,741) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-18 ***Elderly Affairs Vehicle Lease Purchase Agreement***
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four (4) year lease purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a vehicle to be used for transporting senior citizens and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six hundred Sixty Dollars ($4,660) for the fiscal year 2003 lease payment. This vehicle will be under the control of the Elderly Affairs Department. Total cost of the vehicle will be $17,245. The lease contract will contain a non-appropriation clause. (Majority vote required)

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-19 ***Neighborhood Patrol***
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six hundred Sixteen Dollars ($5,616) to fund the Police Department's Neighborhood Program. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required).

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-20 ***Disposal of Town Property- 3 Police Cruisers***
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of three (3) Police Cruisers by either bid, trade or sell. The cruisers are a 1997 Ford, a 1996 Ford and a 2000 Ford.

Article 2003-21 ***Public Education Government Access Studio Coordinator***
To see if the Town will vote to create the position of Public Education Government Access Studio Coordinator and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars ($20,000) to fund this position in 2003, such funds to come from fees returned to the Town from Adelphia or its successor company, under the Franchise Agreement of May 27, 1983 and such funds to be used for this purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-22 ***Close Out Building Needs Capital Reserve***
To see if the Town will vote to close out the Building Needs Capital Reserve which was established for the purpose of developing parking for the Town of Atkinson on land adjacent to Town Hall owned by the Timberlane Regional School District. The balance will be transferred to, and added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund. If Article 2003-27 fails, these funds will be transferred to the Friends of the Kimball Public Library. The purpose of this Fund has been accomplished and the balance is interest income accumulated since 1993. (The approximate balance on February 28, 2003 is $3,000.)

Article 2003-23 ***Modify Disabled Exemption***
"Shall we modify an exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be $15,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net

income of not more than $29,700 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than $38,500; and own net assets not in excess of $100,000, excluding the value of the person's residence." New exemption qualifications become effective April 1, 2003. (Currently, the limits are $10,000 income for single and $12,000 income married and $50,000 net asset.

Note: The following two articles, Article 2003-24 *Fire Department Fire Truck Lease Purchase* and Article 2003-25 *Fire Department Reserve Fund Withdrawal* fund the purchase of a new Quint ladder fire truck. The total cost of the truck is $448,363, of which $328,363 will be funded with a lease purchase and the remaining $120,000 funded from the Capital Reserve. Both articles must pass for the truck to be acquired.

Article 2003-24 Fire Department Fire Truck Lease Purchase Agreement
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease/ purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a 75 foot Quint ladder truck for the Town of Atkinson to be used by the Atkinson Fire Department. The first payment will be due March 2004 at the sum of Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Seven Dollars and Sixty-six Cents ($72,507.66). Total cost of the vehicle less interest is Four Hundred forty-eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-three Dollars ($448,363). The lease contract will contain a non-appropriation clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003- 25 ***Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund Withdrawal***
To see if the Town will vote to withdraw One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($120,000) from the Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a chassis for the Quint Fire truck, Article 2003-24. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-26 ***Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund***
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) to be added to the Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles as determined by the Board of Engineer's capital plan. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget article. If Article 2003-24, Fire Truck Lease, and Article 2003-25, Fire Department Capital Reserve Withdrawal, both pass, this article is void. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003- 27 ***Create Library Capital Reserve***
To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, constructing, and equipping a new Library and to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000) to fund the reserve, the sum to come from the December 31, 2002 Fund Balance, and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend the sum of $50,000 for design/engineering services. This Article will not affect the 2003 tax rate.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003- 28 ***Use of Conservation Fund***
Shall the Town permit all money heretofore collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (The Land Use Change Tax) and deposited into the conservation fund to be used for the purchase of land or water rights, or the acquisition of any lesser interest, development right, easement, covenant or other contractual right to land or water, including conveyances with conditions, limitations or reversions, for the purposes specified and under the procedures codified in RSA 36-A? (Expands the purposes and uses of the funds from just purchasing land.)

Article 2003-29 ***Sad Café***
To see if the Town will vote to support the services of the Sad Café and raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) for this purpose. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2003-11, the operating budget. (Majority vote required) (The Sad Café provides safe, clean, substance free, after school programs for area teens)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2003-30 ***LCHIP Funding Resolution***
"To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget."

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of January 2003

Atkinson Board

Of

Selectmen

JOSEPH A. DEROSA, Chairman

BARBARA L. STEWART

BRIAN J. BOYLE

A True Copy Attest:

Atkinson Board

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2003 Proposed Budget

Department	Approved Budget 2002	Proposed Department 2003	Proposed Selectmen 2003	Proposed Bud Committee 2003
Executive	$200,350.00	$193,125.09	$193,125.09	$193,125.09
Elections/Town clerk	148,794.00	146,090.92	146,090.92	146,090.92
Financial Administration	146,079.00	173,565.88	173,565.88	173,565.88
Legal Services	14,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
Personnel Administration	15,200.00	20,372.00	20,372.00	20,372.00
Planning/Zoning	19,434.00	18,436.00	15,836.00	15,836.00
General Govt Bldgs	59,351.00	66,139.00	66,139.00	66,139.00
Cemeteries	23,578.00	23,800.00	23,800.00	23,800.00
Other Insurance	29,314.00	37,237.00	37,237.00	37,237.00
Advertising Regional	5,251.00	5,429.00	5,429.00	5,429.00
Police Department	564,982.00	617,698.00	617,788.00	617,698.00
Elderly Affairs	10,994.00	28,256.00	11,224.00	12,567.00
Hospitals/Ambulance	21,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Fire Department	183,239.00	239,864.00	234,864.00	234,684.00
Building Inspectors	65,213.00	63,537.00	63,237.00	63,237.00
Homeland Security	500.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Highway Department	351,026.00	374,754.00	384,754.00	404,754.00
Street Lighting	24,900.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
Recycling	2,550.00	31,792.14	29,792.14	29,792.14
Waste Disposal	491,299.00	510,150.00	510,150.00	495,150.00
Health Department	15,638.00	11,320.00	11,320.00	11,320.00
Health Dues/Agencies	32,879.00	37,803.00	32,564.00	32,564.00
Animal Control	18,102.00	19,434.24	19,434.24	19,434.24
General Assistance	13,950.00	13,950.00	13,950.00	13,950.00
Recreation	74,410.00	75,139.00	75,139.00	75,139.00
Care of Grounds	18,000.00	17,925.00	17,925.00	17,925.00
Community Center	27,477.00	25,600.00	25,600.00	25,600.00
Library	212,200.00	225,220.55	225,220.55	225,220.55
Memorial Day	6,100.00	3,100.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
Cable Television	25,688.00	32,762.00	32,762.00	32,762.00
Conservation	3,355.00	3,355.00	3,355.00	3,355.00
Computer	58,300.00	26,800.00	26,800.00	26,800.00
Long Term Debt--Interest	38,380.00	33,604.81	33,604.81	33,604.81
Long Term Debt-Principle	102,143.00	102,143.00	102,143.00	102,143.00
Total Operating Budget	**$3,023,676.00**	**$3,257,202.61**	**$3,235,121.61**	**$3,241,194.61**
Warrant Articles	523,003.00	530,024.66	519,748.66	519,748.66
TOTAL BUDGET	**$3,546,679.00**	**$3,787,227.27**	**$3,754,870.27**	**$3,760,943.27**
% INCREASE		*6.78%*	*5.87%*	*6.04%*

2003 Estimated Revenue

Source of revenue	2002	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated
Taxes			
Change tax	$10,000.00	$296,025.89	$100,000.00
Timber tax	650.00	250.00	
Interest & penalties	30,000.00	56,360.81	75,000.00
Sub-total	**40,650.00**	**352,636.70**	**175,000.00**
Licenses, Permits			
Business licenses	2,600.00	274.00	3,000.00
Vehicle	1,220,000.00	1,245,640.00	1,245,000.00
Building permits	90,000.00	65,132.00	60,000.00
Other	14,000.00	22,599.00	
From Federal Govt	24,896.00		20,000.00
Sub-total	**1,351,496.00**	**1,333,645.00**	**1,328,000.00**
From State			
Shared revenues	22,448.00	30,699.20	21,500.00
Meals & room tax	182,054.00	182,054.00	182,054.00
Highway block grant	107,485.00	107,485.00	108,000.00
State & fed forest land		6,971.00	
Sub-total	**311,987.00**	**327,209.20**	**311,554.00**
Charges for Services			
Income from depts	42,400.00	57,637.00	62,000.00
Other charges	25,000.00		
Sub-total	**67,400.00**	**57,637.00**	**62,000.00**
Miscellaneous			
Sale of Municipal Property		1,550.00	
Interest on Investments	75,000.00	43,691.14	40,000.00
other	55,800.00	55,815.00	58,000.00
Sub-total	**130,800.00**	**101,056.14**	**98,000.00**
Interfund TransfersI In			
Capital Project Funds	45,000.00	45,000.00	120,000.00
Sub-total	**45,000.00**	**45,000.00**	**120,000.00**
Other Finances			
Fund balance	**200,000.00**	**200,000.00**	**600,000.00**
Totals	**$2,147,333.00**	**$2,417,184.04**	**$2,694,554.00**

Warrant Articles

Article No.	Warrant Articles	Recommended by Selectmen	Not Recommended by Selectmen	Recommended by Budget Comm.	Not Recommended by Budget Comm.
2003-12	Highland Road	$62,000.00		$62,000.00	
2003-13	Scottsdale Road	62,000.00		62,000.00	
2003-14	Sleepy Hollow Road	108,500.00		108,500.00	
2003-15	Juniper Lane	93,000.00		93,000.00	
2003-16	Forest Road	31,000.00		31,000.00	
2003-17	Police Union Contract	35,741.00		35,741.00	
2003-18	Elderly Affairs Vehicle		$4,660.00		$4,660.00
2003-19	Neighborhood Patrol		5,616.00		5,616.00
2003-21	PEG Access Coord,	20,000.00		20,000.00	
2003-24	Fire Truck Lease	72,507.66		72,507.66	
2003-26	Fire Dept. Cap. Res.	30,000.00		30,000.00	
2003-29	Sad Café	5,000.00		5,000.00	
	Totals	**$519,748.66**	**$10,276.00**	**$519,748.66**	**$10,276.00**

Imagine 100 Years Ago! Atkinson residents, please take pleasure in reading the following excerpts reprinted from the:

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Year Ending February 15, 1902

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Selectmen's Report.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON

Valuation of resident real estate,	$196,120.00	
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	41,750.00	
Number of horses, 140,	7,550.00	
" cows, 374,	9,917.00	
" neatstock, 73,	1,385.00	
" sheep 7,	28.00	
" oxen, 2,	100.00	
" mills,	1,600.00	
" polls 126,	12,600.00	
Vehicles,	700.00	
Stock in trade,	4,435.00	
Money at interest,	28,715.00	
Fowls,	20.00	
Total valuation,		$303,920.00

On which valuation the selectmen have assessed the following amounts at the rate $13.60 on $1,000.00:

State tax,	$548.25	
County,	1,036.79	
Highways,	903.48	
Tuition of town scholars at Academy,	200.00	
Amount required by law for schools,	645.00	
Extra for schools,	200.00	
Amount required by law for library,	38.70	
Extra for library,	49.00	
Town expenses,	450.00	
Percentage,	62.09	
Total tax,		$4,133.31

The selectmen have given orders on Treasurer as follows:

SCHOOLS.

School board,	$882.74
School supplies,	104.30

Herman N. Dunham tuition bills,	200.00	
		$1,187.04

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Amount required by law,	$38.70	
Extra by vote of town,	49.00	
		$87.70

CEMETERY.

George E. Wright,		$51.80

HIGHWAYS.

John K. Mason,	$101.16	
Welman W. Hatch,	92.00	
John H. Smith,	93.46	
Gideon Conley,	103.82	
James M. Nesmith,	100.60	
John Pettengill,	27.66	
Eugene E. Sawyer,	84.87	
John A. Hall,	77.50	
Charles C. Conley,	14.68	
		$695.75

SNOW BILLS.

Gideon D. Conley,	$4.35	
John K. Mason,	1.00	
Eugene E. Sawyer,	1.00	
Charles C. Conley,	1.00	
John A. Hall,	8.09	
John H. Smith,	4.58	
		$20 02

BRIDGES.

John H. Smith,	$6.88	
Eugene E. Sawyer,	9.57	
John A. Hall,	17.80	
Gideon D. Conley,	104.49	
Edson E. Peaslee, plank and tinber,	33.22	
		$171.96

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wilber F. Wilson, care of hall,	$3.50	
Chase Bros., printing town reports,	40.00	
John K. Mason, repairs on schoolhouse, No. 1,	2.75	
John K. Mason, laying culvert new W. M. Thomas,	5.00	
George E. Emerson, postage and stationery,	3.18	
Wilber F. Wilson, repairs on schoolhouse, No. 3,	1.00	
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering trough, 1900-1901,	6.00	
Samuel B. Mason, watering trough,	3.00	
Samuel B. Mason, postage and stationery,	1.50	
Samuel B. Mason, guide boards and labor,	1.50	
George A. Page, housing road machine,	1.50	
George A. Page, stationery,	.60	
J. W. Stickney, paid W. F. Wallace returning births and deaths,	1.75	
J. W. Stickney, stationery and expense to Exeter,	1.70	
Trustees of Atkinson Academy, rent,	30.00	
		$102.98

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Z. P. Chase,	$1.65	
C. Kelso,	2.21	
E. M. Chesley over tax 1901,	6.80	
Heirs of Charles Carleton over tax 1901,	6.80	
Levi Taylor poll tax	1.36	
		$18.82

AID FURNISHED SOLDER'S WIDOW.

Sarah E. Kimball,		$32.00

TRANSIENT POOR.

George E. Wright, lodging transient poor,		$6.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

John K. Mason, police,	$4.50	
School board,	30.00	
George E. Emerson, selectman,	35.00	
Jay W. Stickney, "	35.00	

Elmer E. Conley, "	25.00	
George A. Page, town clerk,	15.00	
Samuel B. Mason, collector,	50.00	
Samuel B. Mason, districk clerk,	1.00	
Gilman Greenough, town treasurer,	15.00	
Gilman Greenough, school treasurer,	5.00	
		$215.50

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in collector's warrant,	$4,133.31	
Received from State Insurance tax,	7.50	
Savings Bank tax,	156.15	
Railroad tax,	176.28	
Literary fund,	37.74	
Received from Rockingham county for aid furnished Sarah E. Kimball, 1900-1901,	34.00	
Due from county on account of Sarah E. Kimball,	6.00	
Received from sale of cemetery lot,	10.00	
		$4,560.98

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

On account of schools,	$1,187.04	
snow bills,	20.02	
highway,	695.75	
bridges,	171.96	
cemetery,	51.80	
public library,	87.70	
transient poor,	6.00	
aid furnished soldier's widow,	32.00	
miscellaneous expenses,	102.98	
abatement of taxes,	18.82	
town officers,	215.50	
county tax,	1,036.79	
state tax,	548.25	
		$4,174.61

Balance unexpended from receipts and appropriations for 1901, $386.37

Respectfully submitted,

JAY W. STICKNEY,
ELMER E. CONLEY, } Selectmen of Atkinson
GEORGE E. EMERSON

Collector's Report.

The Collector charges himself with amount in warrant,	$4,133.31
And credits himself as follows, viz:	
Receipts of Treasurer,	$3,788.93
Discounts at 6 per cent,	182.14
Uncollected taxes,	162.24

All taxes unsettled March 29th will be advertised agreeable to state law.

S. B. MASON, Collector.

Town Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand, February 16, 1902,	$677.97	
Received from state, railroad tax,	176.28	
Saving Bank tax,	156.15	
insurance tax,	7.50	
literary fund,	37.74	
county of Rockingham,	34.00	
selectmen for cemetery lot,	10.00	
town clerk for dog licenses,	106.30	
taxes of 1900,	174.53	
interest on same,	9.84	
taxes of 1901,	3788.93	
		$5,169.24

He credits himself as follows:

Paid state tax,	$548.25	
county tax,	1,036.79	
selectmen's orders,	2,589.57	
School board balance dog tax of 1900,	86.00	
		$4,260.61
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		$908.63

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount due from taxes of 1901,	$162.24	
county of Rockingham,	6.00	
Cash in treasury	908.63	
Balance in favor of town,		$1,076.87

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD.

It is unnecessary to mention our schools in detail, but in preparing this report it has been our purpose to give a clear representation of what our schools have been doing and we can justly summarize by saying that their moral tone has never been higher; the discipline has never been better, and the general improvement in all the studies never been better, and the general improvement in all the studies has never been more marked than during the past year.

No. 5 was united with No. 3 during the fall term as there were only three scholars. We have given much thought to the matter of combining small schools, but are not wholly satisfied with the plan. And mothers object, and justly we think, to having their small children taken far from home all day.

Let us remember with Kate Douglass Wiggin as she so beautifully expresses the thought in the book on "Children's Rights": "A mother has a sacred claim on the world; even if that claim rest solely on the fact of her motherhood, and not, alas, on any other. Her life may be a cipher; but when the child comes, God writes a figure before it and give it value." Consequently we think every mother should have a chance to say, keep our rural schools, as they are the very best things for our little ones, morally, mentally, and physically. They are equal to private schools, as we have had, and can have, as good teachers as there are in the state. Our last year's teachers consisted of three college learned; two Normal trained, and a High school graduate. Now, if the town would appropriate just a little more money, so as to have about ten weeks in winter, or enough to make thirty-four weeks for the year, I think everyone would feel that our schools are just what they ought to be. We should encourage the personal visiting of schools on the part of the parent, and those interested and also, when it is possible, that the teacher visit the homes. There are times, however, when the teacher does not receive the most hearty sympathy and co-operation from the parent; how sad, if this is the case, as the child is really the principal sufferer.

This being true it is the duty of parents to place themselves in touch with the teacher, so as to give her in her arduous duties, the heartiest sympathy, and seek to know and intelligently appreciate her aims and methods, so that they may be a source of comfort to the ever-active, tireless little individual called "teacher".

As there are two to be chosen on the school board this year, I would like to say that we do not deem it necessary for them all to be school men or liberally educated men. It is far more important that these men possess good judgment and sound common sense, as they are to serve with so small pay; suitable men will not seek the office buy they will consent to serve because of their deep interest in education, and especially because of their interest in the prosperity of the rural schools.

Now fellow citizens, if you are wise in your selections and succeed in selecting thoughtful, liberal minded men, who have shown good judgment in the management of their own business, your schools will undoubtedly be raised to a higher level of efficiency.

MARY L. WHEELER,
HERBERT N SAWYER, } School

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy:

One Term – Fred Smith, Mildred Emerson, Pansy Smith, Myra Wright, John W. Cummings, Ethel A. Damon.

Two Terms – Nettie G. Adams, Maud Smith, Arthur H. Sawyer, Clifford, A. Sawyer

School Treasurer's Report.

The school district treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand, February 16, 1901,	$114.97	
Amount of school tax required by law,	645.00	
Extra school money voted by town,	200.00	
Literary fund,	,37.74	
Balance of dog licenses of 1900,	86.00	
		$1,083.71

He credits himself with:

Paid Ora L. Ordway, teaching school		No. 1,	180.60
E. L. Tuxbury	"	No. 2,	84.00
O. M. Stanwood	"	No. 2,	98.00
F. M. Steadman	"	No. 3,	96.00
M. J. La Bonta,	"	No. 3,	112.00
L. E. Marble	"	No. 4,	182.00
Alice M. George	"	No. 5,	84.00
Cyrus F. Noyes, wood, No. 1, 1900,			3.50
George D. Damon, conveyance, 1900,			6.25
A. G. Chute, fires, No. 3, 1900,			2.00
A. Clevesy, cleaning school houses, Nos. 1 and 3,			2.00

Mabel Russell, care and fires, No. 5, 1900,	6.00	
M. L. Wheeler, for wood, etc., No. 2,	5.13	
L. Steeley, cleaning school house, No. 1,	2.50	
M. J. La Bonta, care, etc. school house No. 3,	3.50	
John A. Hall, for conveyance,	24.00	
H. N. Sawyer, for wood, No. 4,	5.00	
M. L. Wheeler, for wood, No. 2,	4.00	
M. L. Wheeler, for care of school house,	2.00	
W. M. Cragin, for wood, No. 3,	4.50	
George E. Emerson, for wood, No. 1,	2.50	
W. F. Wilson, sawing wood and care No. 3,	3.70	
Albert Little, wood for No. 5,	6.00	
		$919.18
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		$164.53

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer

School District	Teacher	No. of Weeks	Pay Per Week	No. of Pupils Registered	Average Attendance	No. Viusists by School Board	No. Visits by Citizens	Instances Tardiness	Dismissals
No. 1	Ora L. Ordway . . . . . .s	12	$7	13	10	5	31	25	29
	Ora L. Ordway . . . . . .f	14	7	16	11	7	34	8	2
No. 2	E. Louise Tuxbury . . . . .s	12	7	11	7	5	9	2	9
	Carolyn M. Stanwood . . f	14	7	11	6	4	33	57	10
No. 3	Floretta M. Steadman . . s	12	8	18	13	5	19	6	5
	Mattie J. La Bonta . . . . . .f	14	8	18	14	5	13	0	34
No. 4	L. Edna Marble . . . . . s	12	7	11	10	3	14	12	3
	L. Edna Marble . . . . . f	14	7	13	10	3	3	30	0
No. 5	Alice M. George . . . . . .s	12	7	7	6	3	9	22	1

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library.

The trustees of the Public Library herewith present their report for the year ending February 15, 1902:

In accordance with the advice of the town auditor of 1900, this report will be as brief as the circumstances will admit.

The Librarian informs us that books have been donated to the library by the following persons: William C. Todd, Harriet E. Noyes, Frank W. Rollins, Joseph Kimball, Frank E. Steele, Mary A. Page, Eugene E. Sawyer, W. W. Hatch and the Atkinson Reading Club, for which the trustees return to the above named donors their heartfelt thanks.

The work of Mr. Todd containing sketches of some of the early residents of this town is of more than ordinary values, and ought to be read by all who are interested in the men who, in the language of the immortal author of out Declaration of Independence pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor" to maintain and defend the principals that were so clearly and concisely set forth in that remarkable production. We, who are now enjoying the fruits of their labor in comparative ease and tranquility, can at the best have but a faint conception of the trials and privations endured by them during the long period of the Revolutionary war, beginning on the soil of our state December 13, 1774, and ending with the siege of Yorktown in 1781.

Following is a list of the books added to the library during the past year:

A Book for all Readers,	A. R. Spofford
Black Rock,	Ralph Connor
Biographical and other articles,	William C. Todd
Century, 2 vols.	
Dictionary of Dates,	G. P. Putnam
Eben Holden,	Irving Bacheller
Europe, Past and Present,	F. H. Ungewitter
History of Hampstead,	H. E. Noyes
Harper's, 2 vols.	
Juke Edwards,	A. E. Winship
New England, 3 vols.	
Old Home Week Addresses,	Gov. F. W. Rollins
Quincy Adams Sawyer,	Charles F. Pidgin

Review of Reviews, 2 vols.
Scribner's, 2 vols.
The Useful Arts, T. Antisell, M. D.
Tales of our Coast, S. R. Crockett
The Siege of Peking, W. A. P. Martin

GILMAN GREENOUGH,
EUGENE E. SAWYER, Trustees
GEORGE P. DOW,

Library Treasurer's Report.

The Library Treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand February 16, 1901,	$23.49	
" received from town,	87.70	
		$111.19

He credit himself as follows:

Paid for card pockets, 1900,	2.00	
Postage and express, 1900,	.73	
F. J. Barnard, binding magazines,	13.27	
DeWolfe Fiske & Co., for books,	2.00	
Services of Librarian,	50.00	
		$68.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		$43.19

There is a bill due for binding magazines which when paid will bake the balance in hands of Treasurer about $30.

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer

Auditor's Report.

Atkinson, N. H., February 24, 1902

The Auditor has looked over the accounts of the Selectmen, Collector, Treasurer, Library Trustees, and also the Town Clerk's reports, and finds them correct.

GEORGE P. DOW, Auditor

1902 Warrant Articles

SUBJECT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	OUTCOME
Railroads	March 11, 1902	See if the town will bond itself in sum to not exceed $10,000 to be invested in stock of some electric rail road to run from Haverhill Mass to or through center of town.	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED
Hwy Dept Budget	March 11, 1902	Raise 20 cents a poll and other ratable property in proportion for the repairs of highways.	PASSED
Road Agent	March 11, 1902	Vote that Highway Agents be appointed by Selectmen.	PASSED
Town Budget	March 11, 1902	Raise $450 for town expenses	PASSED
Town Safe	March 11, 1902	Combination of town safe be changed and that the new combination be kept by the selectmen and town clerk and to be known by them only.	PASSED
Taxes Discount	March 11, 1902	6% of paid if full before September 1, 1902.	PASSED
School Budget	March 11, 1902	Raise $300 in addition to amount required by law.	PASSED
Island Pond Road	March 11, 1902	See what action town will take in regard to water damage to Alonzo Hall, cause being alleged as a stoppage of the bridge near Charles Fry's.	PASSED

[Editor's Note:There were no decimal points used in the original 1902 reports, I have used them here for my own convenience. PEM]

2002 Summary Report of Atkinson, NH Trust Funds

Year Ending December 31, 2002

Name Of Fund	Fund Purpose	Principal Balance Beg Year	Principal New Funds	Principal Withdrawals	Income Balance Beg Year	Income Income 2002	Income Expended 2002	Income Balance End Year	Grand Total Principal & Income E.O.Y.
Summary Cemetery Funds									
Common Trust #1	P.C	$2,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,941.81	$104.91	$0.00	$5,046.72	$7,046.72
Common Trust #2	P.C	$750.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,264.25	$45.55	$0.00	$2,309.80	$3,059.80
Common Trust #3	P.C	$1,185.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,303.47	$52.72	$0.00	$2,356.19	$3,541.19
Common Trust #4	P.C	$900.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,639.40	$38.38	$0.00	$1,677.78	$2,577.78
Common Trust #5	P.C.	$1,300.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,452.40	$41.60	$0.00	$1,494.00	$2,794.00
Common Trust #6	P.C.	$3,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$6,528.87	$144.01	$0.00	$6,672.88	$9,672.88
Common Trust #7	P.C.	$7,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$17,350.34	$375.55	$0.00	$17,725.89	$25,225.89
Common Trust #8	P.C	$1,100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$656.32	$18.36	$0.00	$674.68	$1,774.68
Common Trust - IP	P.C	$14,130.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18,073.58	$478.01	($514.47)	$18,037.12	$32,167.12
Campbell, Ruth G	P.C	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$682.90	$20.88	$0.00	$703.78	$1,203.78
Total Cemetery Funds		**$32,365.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$55,893.34**	**$1,319.97**	**($514.47)**	**$56,698.84**	**$89,063.84**
Summary Town Poor Funds									
Todd, William E. (Fund)	Tn. Poor	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,661.43	$129.65	$0.00	$2,791.08	$3,791.08
Whittaker, Ada (Fund)	Tn. Poor	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,330.61	$64.82	$0.00	$1,395.43	$1,895.43
Total Town Poor Funds		**$1,500.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$3,992.04**	**$194.47**	**$0.00**	**$4,186.51**	**$5,686.51**
Summary Capital Reserve Funds									
Atkinson Fire Dept.	Cap. Res.	$55,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00	$36,344.49	$1,404.72	$0.00	$37,749.21	$122,749.21
Atkinson Cable TV	Cap. Res.	$163,000.00	$35,000.00	$0.00	$41,462.88	$3,376.39	$0.00	$44,839.27	$242,839.27
Atkinson Bldg. Needs	Cap. Res.	$25,000.00	$0.00	($25,000.00)	$11,320.07	$250.74	$0.00	$11,570.81	$11,570.81
Atkinson Highway	Cap. Res.	$2,317.57	$0.00	$0.00	$296.19	$73.27	$0.00	$369.46	$2,687.03
Atkinson Digital Comm	Cap. Res.	$1,784.00	$0.00	($1,784.00)	$351.55	$23.35	($374.90)	$0.00	$0.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds		**$247,101.57**	**$65,000.00**	**($26,784.00)**	**$89,775.18**	**$5,128.47**	**($374.90)**	**$94,528.75**	**$379,846.32**

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of our knowledge and belief.

This summary has been provided for the annual report. The complete, detailed Trustees report will be available at the Selectmen's office after March 1, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Childs,
Trustee of Trust Funds

Kimball Library

For Year Ending December 31, 2002

Savings Account		
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002		$369.56
Receipts:		
Non-Specific Gifts	$81.20	
Edward Houle Memorials	140.00	
Computer Hardware Rebate	12.00	
Greeting Card Sales	163.80	
Endowment Fund	14,479.89	
Interest	41.69	
Total Receipts		$14,918.58
Transferred to Building Fund Certificate of Deposit	500.00	
Paid Ruotolo Associates - Fund Raising	9,900.00	(10,400.00)
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002		**$4,888.14**

Original Certificate of Deposit		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002		$9,687.68
Transferred from Checking Account	$3,500.00	
Interest	251.05	3,751.05
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002		**$13,438.73**

Building Fund Certificate of Deposit		
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002		$16,114.49
Receipts:		
Transferred from Savings Account	$500.00	
Friends of the Kimball Library	3,000.00	
Interest	324.13	
Total Receipts		3,824.13
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002		**$19,938.62**

Thomas P. & Charlotte E. LeBosquet Book Fund Certificate of Deposit	
(Family Bequest - Use of Interest Only)	
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002	$51,645.70
Interest	943.82
Withdrawal of 2001 and partial 2002 interest	(2,034.90)
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002	**$50,554.62**

Kimball Library (Cont'd)

Checking Account		
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002		$5,905.20
Receipts:		
Book Fines	$3,383.46	
Video Fines	3,323.30	
Copier Use	1,052.03	
New and Non-Resident Cards, Lost Books, Book Sales	945.40	
Specific Gifts	270.00	
Ruth Campbell Fund Grant	4,708.75	
Reimbursement of Country Club Deposit	300.00	
LeBosquet Book Fund Interest	2,034.90	
Total Receipts		16,017.84
Expenditures:		
Subscriptions	$249.00	
Books	4,302.71	
Video's CDs, DVDs, Tapes	5,392.17	
Museum Passes	1,625.00	
Miscellaneous	1,331.73	
Transferred to Original Certificate of Deposit	3,500.00	
Total Expenditures		(16,400.61)
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002		**$5,522.43**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Goff, Treasurer
Board of Trustees

2002 Current Use Report

Map	Lot	Sub	Name	Farm Land	Unman. Other Wood	Unman. Hardwood	Unpro-Pine	Unpro-ductive	Managed Hardwood	Managed Pine	Wetland	No. of Acres	Current Use Value
8	91		Ashford, Merle & Theresa	5.45								5.45	$2,316
8	92		Ashford, Merle & Theresa	2.60								2.60	1,105
8	93		Ashford, Merle & Theresa	2.00								2.00	850
1	10		Atkinson Farm, Inc	33 00								33.00	14,025
1	14		Atkinson Farm, Inc				30.34	23.78			10.00	64.12	4,391
1	19		Atkinson Farm, Inc			12.10						12.10	787
12	7	1	Atkinson, Town of				8.25					8.25	1,056
16	12	1	Atkinson, Town of			31.20						31.20	2,028
13	21		Brown, Gordon P	5.29								5.29	2,248
13	26		Brown, Gordon P	5.00								5.00	2,125
13	87		Brown/Lang Invest	9.00			70.00					79.00	12,785
16	9		Brown/Lang Invest	32.60								32.60	13,855
16	9	1	Brown/Lang Invest	0 20								0.20	85
6	76		Butler Estates	14 82								14.82	6,129
11	18		Duston, Thomas		10 00						2.00	12.00	1,070
16	1		Duston, Thomas		18.00							18.00	1,764
14	110	Road	Emerson Realty Tr		1.36							1.36	141
18	106		Feuer, Martin		12.52							12.52	1,302
2	11		Gaffney Revoc. Tr								4.50	4.50	68
14	83	1	H & L Realty Tr.	2.81								2.81	1,194
14	83	3	H & L Realty Tr.	2.32								2.32	986
14	83	4	H & L Realty Tr	4.51								4.51	1,917
14	83	5	H & L Realty Tr.	3.04								3.04	1,292
14	37		Haskin, Dennis	1.00	11 86						4.00	16.86	1,678
12	1		Howard, Dean C.								32.33	32.33	485
9	45		Judkins-Israel, Judith				16.00					16.00	2,048
11	20	1	Killam, Dean			15.30		4.90				20.20	1,069
11	20		Killam, Dudley B. Jr.				15.00		3.96		2.00	20.96	1,487
9	39		Kutzelman, George	0.55								0.55	69
9	40		Kutzelman, George				9.70					9.70	1,242
18	40		Lang, Deborah		13.35						2.00	15.35	1,418
9	33		Lathrop III, John M.		15.60							15.60	1,622

2002 Current Use Report

Map	Lot	Sub	Name	Farm Land	Unman. Other Wood	Unman. Hardwood	Unpro-Pine	Unpro-ductive	Managed Hardwood	Managed Pine	Wetland	No. of Acres	Current Use Value
8	130		LeBlanc, Ronald				28.83					28 83	3,839
11	17		Lemay, Norris				15.00				3.00	18.00	1,956
16	65		Lemay, Norris		3.00						5.12	8.12	367
2	14		Lemery, Betty		12.00							12.00	1,248
8	3		Lemery, Betty				15.60					15.60	1,997
3	121		Lewis, Daniel				21.27					21.27	2,723
3	6		Lewis, Christine				16.30					16.30	2,086
2	23		Lewis, Peter	70.85							14 50	85.35	24,094
2	36		Lewis, Peter	6.88								6.88	2,924
22	121		Meadowsend Timberlands						7.00			7.00	462
8	131	1	Page, Christopher R.	1.50			9.00				13.00	23.50	2,103
4	41		Pernokas, Arthur	13.00								13.00	5,525
5	49		Post, David F								6.50	6.50	78
16	13		Schafer, Rick A						14.66			14 66	291
20	7		Schafer, Rick A.						68.23			68.23	1,842
16	12		Schafer, Rick A			7.51	9.62				13.30	30.43	1,919
16	22		Schafer, Rick A						5.45		1.00	6.45	162
14	30	1	Short, Martin & Pauline		13.00						3.35	16.35	1,402
17	7		Stewart Family Realty Tr.		3 00				2.52	5.00		10.52	743
8	138		Still, Anita	3.00	13.50							16.50	2,679
13	85		Still, Anita		4 00		2 00				3.00	9.00	717
2	16		Tombarello, Claire	1.76	9 24							11.00	1,709
6	22		Tombarello, George	10.20								10.20	4,335
11	9		Trites, Richard				13.39					13.39	1,714
20	37	1	Williams, Walworth						9.00			9.00	475
22	1		Williams, Walworth		5.50							5.50	572
22	12		Williams, Walworth	0.37								0.37	749
4	16		Witley, Charles	15 00					10.00			25.00	7,125
17	49		Wood, M Elizabeth	22.00	29.00						12.00	63.00	11,606
17	50		Wood, Richard	19.00								19.00	8,075
			Totals	**287.75**	**174.93**	**66.11**	**280.30**	**28.68**	**120.82**	**5.00**	**131.60**	**1,095.19**	**$180,154**

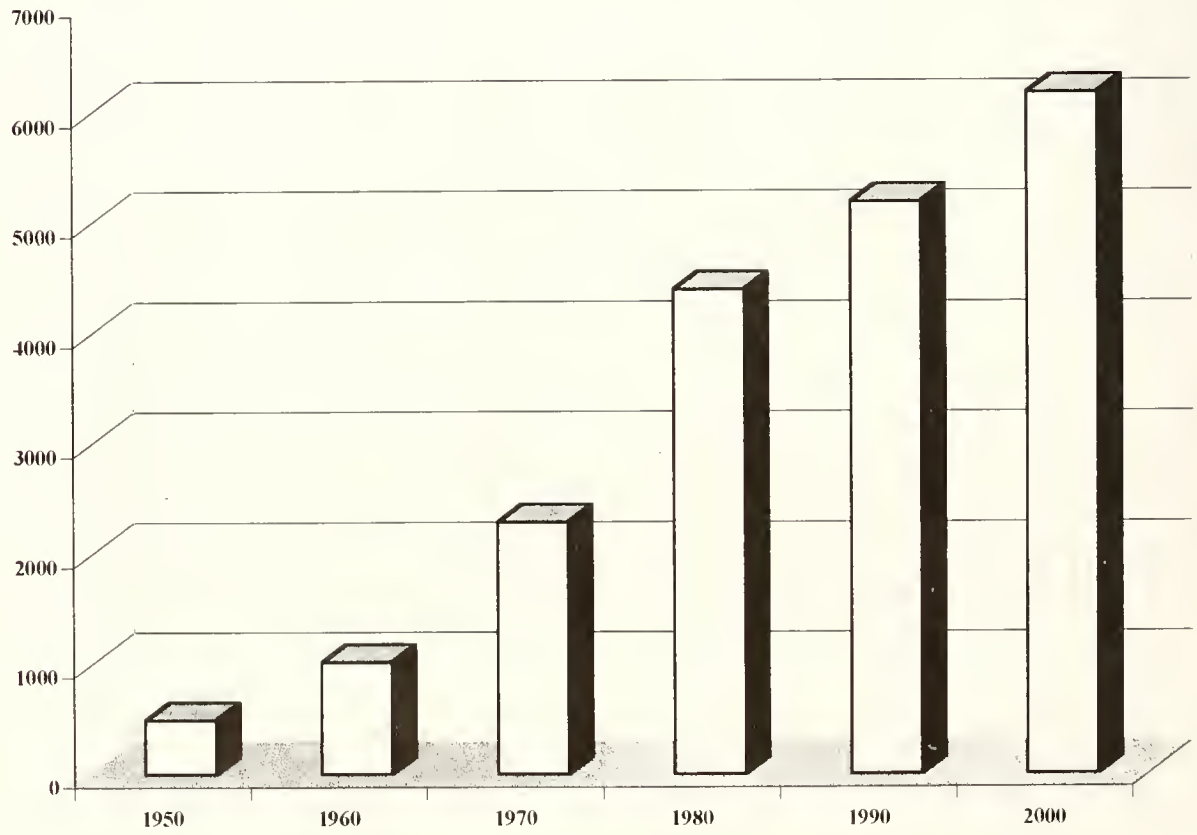
Population Statistics

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population	492	1017	2291	4397	5188	6178
Change from Prior Decade		525	1274	2106	791	990
% Change		*106.7%*	*125.2%*	*92%*	*18%*	*19.1%*

Average Annual Growth Rates	1970 to 1980	1980to 1990	1990 to 2000	1980 to 2000
	6.7%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%

Population Density	1970	2000
(person/sq. mi.)	192.9	520.2

Population History



Atkinson Antics

Animal Control Officer

Once again, working as a team, the Animal Control Department, the staff in the Town Clerk's Office, and the dog owners in Atkinson were able to license all our dogs for 2002, on a timely basis, for a total of 931 dogs.

I would like to thank the Assistant Animal Control Officers: Don Murphy, Tim Judge and Ted Stewart for their tireless efforts this past year, in answering calls for animal control.

I would like to express my appreciation to Linda Jette, Patricia Mangini, Debra DeSimone and Kathy Burke in the Town Clerk's office once again for their hard work this past year.

I ask residents to contact the Town Clerk's office if they are moving or in the event of the death of their pet for recording purposes. A reminder that licenses are effective from May 1st of each year to April 30th of the subsequent year. A metal license tag is to be worn on the pet's collar, which helps to identify the owner and to get the pet returned as quickly as possible. You may also seek to have new technology computer I.D. chip implantation by your veterinary clinic for this purpose

I would also like to thank the Atkinson Fire Department for hosting their annual rabies clinic this past April 7th at the Fire Station. Dr. Joseph Guischard, and Robin Serratore of Brushwood Veterinary Clinic, and Boy Scout Troop #95 all donated their time and the proceeds to a good cause, Timberlane High School Safe Prom Night.

This fall a number of deer were struck by automobiles due to deer moving at night and mating season. Be on the watch for moving animals during nighttime hours while driving.

We have also had an increase in the number of missing small pets and of sightings of nocturnal hunters, such as fisher cats, coyotes and possibly a bear. I would remind pet owners to leave their pets indoors at night for safety.

I express my condolences to the Leone family for the passing of former Animal Control Officer, John Leone.

We look forward to serving the community of Atkinson in the upcoming year of 2003.

We may be contacted at Atkinson Animal Control...362-4739.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Seckendorf,
Animal Control Officer

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee met throughout the year for updates on spending and revenue. Weekly Tuesday evening meetings were scheduled starting in October, the beginning of 2003 budget planning.

The committee's focus was on the Town's proposed operating budget and warrant articles which involve the raising and appropriation of funds. Recommendations for changes were frequently made, typically for increases or cuts in dollar amounts. Recommendations were also made to move the responsibility of items from one department to another, as was the case with the purchase of computer software moving into the computer budget.

A major impact on this year's operating budget was the voters' acceptances of last years warrant articles. The Fire Departments paid call increased the budget by approximately $80,000.00. The Police Department 5th full-timer and union contract increased the budget by approximately $95,000.00 and the Town Administrator position increased the budget by $25,000.00. A new waste disposal contract, a cost living adjustment for most Town employees, and increased insurance costs were other expenses, which had high dollar increases. These are all areas in which the Budget Committee has little or no input. While many cuts were made in other areas the 2003 proposed operating budget has increased from the 2002 budget by approximately 7.2%.

The committee was approached with a request to recommend funding for a new library. While everyone was in agreement of the need, the timing and method of funding were questioned. The end result was a warrant article, which allows for planning and design and funding beginning this year with a capital reserve for future building to be funded from monies received from Current Use penalties. This approach will allow us to raise a significant amount of money without taxing the residents.

A great deal of time was spent researching and discussing the apparent duplication of funding for transportation of the Town's elderly. Atkinson has historically contributed to outside organizations, such as Lamprey Health Care, which provide transportation. In recent years the Town's Elderly Affairs service has evolved into a separate department. Budgeting for these services was originally through a line item within the Police Department budget. This new department provides, along with other services, transportation for the elderly. Originally proposed as an operating budget line item, a warrant article was added to address the funding of a leased car for elderly transport. As a warrant article the voters will decide if they want to fund and expand this service in this manner. The recommendation of this committee is that 2003 is not the time to enter into an automobile lease agreement for this purpose. We recommend continuing this program as it is and using retired police cruisers.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Standley-Sawyer, Chairman
Paul Sullivan, Vice-Chairman
Members:
Mark Acciard
Jane Cole
Dave Paquette
Brian Boyle, Selectmen ex-officio

Building Inspector

2002 Building remains flat. Few projects were proposed this year and only 11 single-family dwelling permits were issued. The approximate building permit value for construction has gone from $21,168,568 in 2001 to $7,982,526 in 2002. Commercial lots in town are few.

Remember: Building Permits are generally needed for anything other than ordinary repairs. Call the office if you are not sure.

PLAN AHEAD FOR PERMITING - Applications can be submitted on Monday evenings between 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Go to the Atkinson Web Site www.town-atkinsonnh.com to check on requirements for building permits and pool permits, office hours and names and phone numbers of inspectors.

2002 Building Permits issued were for the following:

Type	Number of Permits*
New Homes	11
Foundations	26
Condominiums	14
Alterations/ Additions -Finish basements; Re-roof; Expansions; Garages/ Carports; Decks/Porches/Sunrooms, Sheds, Pool house, Handicapped Ramp	102
Pools	15
Commercial	3
Demolition of structure	2
Temporary Mobile Home	1
In-Law Apartment	2

***A list of the 2002 Building Permits is available in the Code Enforcement Office/Building Department for public review.**

NOTE: Proposal on the ballot to adopt the latest Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy, International One and Two Family Dwelling Code and International Fire Code.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Jones,
Building Inspector

Cable Advisory Committee

To the residents of Atkinson

In September 2002, I was elected as the new Chairman of the Atkinson Cable Advisory Committee. As long time members of the board, Armand Cote, Dick Magoon and myself have been working tirelessly toward renewing our franchise agreement with the local cable company. Our goal has been and will continue to be securing the best cable service options available for the residents of the town of Atkinson.

The committee would like to welcome two new members, Brian Kaye and David Boyle. They volunteered to fill vacancies that occurred due to the resignations of some long time members. New members are invited to join now and fill current openings.

A little history on where we stand today. The Cable Board was working hard towards finalizing an agreement with Harron a few years back when they abruptly walked away from negotiations. We soon found out why. They were in the process of being bought out by Adelphia. After the sale was completed, we again began negotiations to secure a contract with Adelphia Cable. The board met with a parade of new representatives from their company, all filled with promises to rebuild the system, string new fiber lines and deliver high speed internet service. Many people in town read about all the new services they would have access to. In mailings to customers, Adelphia promised this new service would be available in Atkinson by October 2002. Before we were able to get a signed commitment for this date from the company, Adelphia filed for bankruptcy. This filing stopped all rebuild work by the company and put a hold on current negotiations.

The biggest problem we face at the current time is they are unable to commit to a timeframe for rebuilding our system and delivering the promised high-speed internet service we all desire. I regret to tell you we were recently informed the bankruptcy court did not approve the budget money needed by the company to perform this rebuild work in 2003. Company officials are telling us their hands are tied due to the bankruptcy court approval process and they have no answer to when we will be getting the previously promised upgrades. At this point, only towns with signed contracts are getting this new service installed.

The board is exploring all options available to deliver this high-speed internet service to the town of Atkinson. Any suggestions or ideas would be welcome. I can be reached at 362-8800.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Torris,
Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Atkinson Conservation Commission is an all-volunteer group, which is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It operates under the auspices of New Hampshire RSA 36-A, which empowers the Conservation Commission to provide "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town." The Commission is the only local board specifically charged to protect the natural resources of the Town, and as such, provides a focal point within town government for environmental concerns. The Atkinson Conservation Commission serves as an advisory board to the NH State Wetlands Bureau and the Atkinson Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Year 2002 Activities

During 2002, the Conservation Commission was kept busy in a variety of efforts to oversee and protect the natural resources of our town that would be potentially impacted by development projects. In our advisory roles, we were called upon numerous times to examine plans for new developments, to conduct site walks, and to provide opinions on many wetland zoning variance requests.

Members of the Commission attended several workshops throughout the year in an effort to keep current on the latest conservation tools and techniques. Topics of the workshops included land easements and protection techniques, landscape and biodiversity conservation, and documentation and mapping of conservation lands.

Prime Wetlands Study

The primary focus of the Commission's efforts this past year was the effort to identify and designate Atkinson's most valuable wetlands as "prime wetlands". Prime wetland status is a designation recognized under NH State Law, which flags the wetland as worthy of extra protection because of its uniqueness, fragility and/or unspoiled character.

The project began last spring with a request for proposals from wetland scientists and engineers to inventory and study the town's wetlands, and come up with a list of "candidate" prime wetlands. Seven firms responded with bids, and after a round of price negotiations, Natural Resource Consulting Services (NRCS) of Concord, NH was chosen to conduct the study. Field studies were carried out in the late summer and early fall, evaluating each wetland on the basis of 14 different functional values. The final report detailed eight candidate wetlands, of which seven were chosen by the Commission to be proposed for prime wetland status via a special zoning warrant article.

However, after two public hearings, the Planning Board decided not to move the Prime Wetlands article to ballot, instead wishing to take another year to study the issue. While the Conservation Commission is disappointed in the delay, we respect the Planning Board's decision, and plan to work together with them over the coming year to further publicize the issue and educate the public as to the importance of this designation. Please watch for announcements about relevant public meetings and informational sessions to be held in the coming months.

The Conservation Fund

The Conservation Fund is a permanent fund established by the Town for the purpose of open space protection and preservation. The New Hampshire state law RSA 36-A:5 permits the establishment of a conservation fund to be used for a variety of purposes, including natural resource and watershed resource protection, research into local land and water areas, and the

acquisition of land or an interest in land for the purposes of the proper utilization and conservation of such land.

At the Town Meeting of March 1998, the townspeople of Atkinson approved a petitioned Article that provided for the "deposit of all of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (The Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund to be used for land acquisition". The passage of that article resulted in a significant increase in the Conservation Fund balance, providing much-needed funds for potential land and open space protection projects in our town. However, the language of the article, strictly interpreted, means that the only protection option available using any of the money deposited into the Conservation Fund since 1998 is the outright purchase of land. None of the money deposited since 1998 may be used for the purchase or acquisition of "an interest" in land, such as a conservation easement, nor may it be used for any of the other purposes referenced in RSA 36-A. (Note that the money which was used to pay for this year's Prime Wetlands study was money which was already in the Conservation Fund prior to 1998.)

In addition to outright purchases of land, the Commission would like to have the freedom to pursue alternative means of land protection such as conservation easements and purchase of development rights. In order to make that possible, the Commission has, this year, proposed a warrant article which would amend the intent of the 1998 article to permit the use of the Conservation Fund money for the acquisition of an interest in land or property rights, such as a conservation easement on property that would continue to be privately held.

The purposes of such an acquisition and the procedures utilized to effect such an acquisition would not change, and would continue to be governed by NH state laws.

Please help us to be more creative and flexible in our conservation mission by voting "yes" on this article!

The Commission is always interested in talking with Atkinson landowners about the possibility of acquiring or protecting land parcels which are significant from an ecological and/or scenic perspective, and about the variety of financial arrangements and land use practices which can be mutually beneficial to both the owner/seller and to the Town. Many landowners are unaware of the significant impact that inheritance taxes can have on even a small to medium size estate that includes land whose value has significantly appreciated over the years. There have been many cases where lack of proper planning has resulted in a large inheritance tax, and the heirs have been forced to sell off or develop property which they had intended to keep in the family for generations. The Commission is always willing and available to help begin the land protection education process. Please contact us!

Help Wanted!

The Conservation Commission is always seeking additional new members and volunteers for projects throughout the community. The Commission consists of 7 full-time members, appointed by the Selectmen for 3-year terms, and 2 alternates, appointed for 1 year. Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Hall. If you are interested in serving on the Commission or simply curious about the workings of the Commission, please attend a meeting or contact the Atkinson Selectmen's office.

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We are also very interested in maintaining a system of volunteer "land stewards" to help us oversee and maintain our Town Forests and Conservation Lands. Perhaps you live near one of these parcels and use it on a regular basis, but just aren't interested in becoming a regular Commission member. If so, we would love to hear from you! Our small and busy group would gladly welcome any and all "eyes, ears, and hands" in the field to let us know of any issues and to help maintain the Town Lands in general. Again please contact the Commission chairman or the Atkinson Selectmen's office if you are able to help.

2002 Conservation Fund Financial Statement

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2002	$728,475.17
Additions:	
Current Use Change Tax (prior to 4/1/02)	23,280.00
Interest earned	11,197.82
Subtractions	
Prime wetlands study	(21,133.40)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	**$741,819.59**

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Kukshtel,
Chairman

Elderly Affairs

During last year we have seen a substantial increase in the number of senior transports. We had over 239 requests for transports; doctors' visits, food shopping, hospital visits (non-emergency), and trips to local rehab/health centers.

At the Police Station we have many medical supplies. Some of the appliances we have available are wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, and crutches, just to name a few. If you should find yourself in need of any medical appliance, please give us a call and we will be more than willing to have them delivered right to your home.

It has been brought to my attention that some residents have a concern that the officers that are providing our senior transports are the duty officers and that we are taking them off patrol to assist our seniors with their transportation needs. That is not the case. We have five (5) Community Service Officers, (including myself), that are dedicated to the task of taking care of all senior needs.

Since we put the wheelchair van in service, we have been able to assist many seniors (in non-emergency situations) that otherwise would have had to call a wheelchair transportation company at a cost of about three hundred dollars ($300.00). This wheelchair service is only available to Atkinson residents.

This year we have put in a Warrant Article to replace the present vehicle that we are currently using for our daily transports. This vehicle presently has over 157,000 miles on it and is now starting to be rather expensive to maintain. We are asking the voters to allow us to lease a new vehicle at a cost of four thousand six hundred and sixty dollars ($4,660.00) per year for four (4) years. Without a reliable vehicle we will have to cancel all of our out of town transports and many of our local transports as well. It would sadden me greatly if this program was curtailed in any fashion. My expectations are to increase our Elderly Program to encompass many new programs. I hope all residents will overwhelmingly approve the purchase of this new Elderly Affairs vehicle.

I could fill several pages listing all of the present services that we provide our seniors, but rather than do that I can summarize our services in saying that we are a one-stop shopping for any of our seniors' needs.

Any senior can feel free to contact me at any time, either at the police station at 362-4001, or at my home at 362-5627. Our Police Department is here to provide individual service to all of our seniors, so please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Philip V. Consentino.
Director of Elderly Affairs

Fire Department

As I have watched our community continue to grow with increases in population and development I have seen that it puts a strain on all the emergency services within our Town. This is not unique just to Atkinson; our surrounding communities are feeling the same strain. Due to this growth we initiated a pay call system for our volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel last year to help ease the commitment needed to maintain a high level of education and certification. This was needed to provide our residents with the most professional emergency responders for both fire and medical situations. The members thank you for your support last year that instituted this program.

As the Town grows so do the needs of the fire department. We are continuing to expand the pressurized hydrant system with help from developers. This has become a very valuable asset to our fire fighting capabilities. We currently have over 50 pressurized hydrants, with growth our equipment needs increase. This year we are proposing the purchase of a new fire pumper, as outlined in our capital improvement plan. We will propose a piece of apparatus commonly known as a "Quint." This will allow us to respond with many aspects of structural firefighting on board one vehicle, maximizing the efficiency of the fire department's first response. I hope you will support us in this new purchase.

The future of the department is uncertain. However, as the needs of the community grow, so must we. The members are working very hard in volunteering many hours to maintain and repair equipment and our facility. We are currently working on finishing the second floor of the station with donations we have received and sweat equity of our members, with no tax impact to the Town. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

In closing I would like to thank the residents of Atkinson for your continued support and dedication to the development of an emergency system throughout the community that you can be proud of. Without your support we cannot continue to provide the most affective and efficient personnel and equipment needed to protect the life and property within our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Murphy,
Fire Chief

Fire Department (Cont'd)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATISTICS

Number of incidents:.....232
Number of Patients Seen:.....263
Transports:
Anna Jaques Hospital.....4
Boston Medical Center 2
Exeter Hospital.....18
Holy Family Hospital.....37
Lawrence General Hospital.....25
Merrimack Valley Hospital.....55
Parkland Medical Center.....55
U-Mass. Medical Center 1
No Transports: 66
MedFlights: 3
Transports in Rescue 1:.....2

BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS

Alarm Activations:.....105
Appliance Problems:.....4
Arching Wires:.....10
Brush/Grass Fires:.....1
C/O Activations: 3
Chimney Fires:.....1
Gas Leaks:.....3
Lightning Strikes:.....1
Motor Vehicle Accidents: 43
Mutual Aid Calls:.....5
Oil Burner Problems: 2
Rescue Calls:.....232
Smoke/Odor Investigations:.....8
Structure Fires:.....2
Unpermitted Fires: 3
Vehicle Fires: 3
Water Problems:.....6

TOTAL **432**

Highway Department

2002 was a trying and productive year. Do you remember the heat wave we enjoyed in January with temperatures in the 60s? Snowfall for the year was down, but we had numerous ice storms and small mundane storms. At the end of the year, the Highway Department returned $30,000 to the general fund, that we didn't spend for snow removal. 2003 is starting out with a much different track, with the most consecutive days of snow in local history. Hopefully, the storm track will moderate. I think we can all use a break from plowing and shoveling.

I am very proud of the work your highway workers and contractors performed during some of the most dangerous and difficult conditions. We can't park our trucks because of white outs, black ice or freezing rain; that's when we are needed the most. Weekends, holidays, even Christmas we were needed and we were out there. I truly believe that 99% of the public appreciates what snow plow crews do and understand that the only place the snow can go is to the edge of the right-of-way. None of your plow operators enjoy filling in your driveway or packing snow around your mailbox, but it is inevitable. The Town is responsible for clearing the roadways and homeowners are responsible for clearing private property.

This brings us to the 1% who seem not to understand the realities of a New England winter. Some residents snow blow their driveways into the street, run and stand in front of the plow trucks or even hit the trucks with their snow shovels. This behavior makes our jobs much more difficult and puts the Highway workers, themselves and others in danger, but we continue our task. The added expense to re-do the streets that have already been cleared is a cost we all have to bear. We all need to work together with understanding to provide safe roadways for motorists, fire and police vehicles and most importantly, school buses.

Let's talk about the warmer months. Last April we had record rainfall, which gave us a slow start to the construction season. August we had a record draught, which prolonged the construction season. Once again, the Town was fortunate to have Busby Construction as our low bidder for our rehabilitation work, grinding up and rebuilding Sunset Drive, Stonewall Terrace and Coventry Road-Phase One. Busby's work crews and equipment worked diligently installing thousands of feet of drainage pipe and thousands of tons of gravel to rebuild the base of the roadways before Brox installed three inches of fresh hot top. The end result is roads that we can all be proud of.

2003 rehabilitation work includes Highland Road, Scottsdale Road, Juniper Lane, Sleepy Hollow and Forest Street. This neighborhood was built in the late 1950s and early 1960s. By rebuilding a neighborhood, the Town should save money in that the contractor needn't move the equipment once they begin. By the volume of work planned, approximately $350,000.00 as estimated, is large enough that we should be eligible for volume discounts from all the large contractors.

Please support your highway articles and budget at this year's Town Meeting and election. I believe we have made great strides in bringing our Highway Department up to appropriate standards. Like the home you own, all highways need maintenance and have a limited life span. It is always wiser to spend a few dollars on maintenance today to avoid thousands of dollars in repairs tomorrow.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Stewart,
Road Agent

Historical Society

We have continued the work of maintaining the appearance of the Reverend Stephen Peabody House. New flooring was installed in the kitchen. A dedicated crew of members stripped the old wallpaper from the Veteran's room, the walls were painted and a new rug added. All ceilings and all woodwork on the second floor were also painted.

A friend of the Society, Mrs. Mary-Ann Murad scanned many old photographs of homes in our collection. The new photos are displayed and the originals are being preserved. Mr. and Mrs. Murad donated a computer to the Society and graciously installed it and gave some lessons to the members.

Many old scrapbooks have been reorganized into acid-free books for preservation.

Before the Old Car Show in September, Fred MacDonald who has hosted the show for many years announced that it would be the last. The show was rained out on Labor Day and was held on the following Saturday, the attendance was lower than previous years.

Students from the Atkinson Academy and the Timberlane Regional Middle School visited us to ask questions and to use our document collection as part of the historical projects at their schools.

Our annual Christmas Open House had many guests. Santa Claus made an appearance and spent time with the children. Two troops of Girl Scouts entertained the guests and sang Christmas carols. The children painted the wooden tree decorations to take home with them. The guests were treated to home-baked deserts that were served with punch, soda and coffee.

The Historical Society museum is open to the public on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and on the first Sunday of each month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please come and visit. We welcome you to become a member.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Smith,
President

Built in 1772 by the Rev. Stephen Peabody 3 Academy Ave. Atkinson, NH

Homeland Security

Since my recent appointment to the position of Civil Defense Director, now referred to as Homeland Security Director, the position has taken on a new meaning. After September 11th, the Nation was awakened to the vulnerability of our Homeland and Emergency Responders. Terrorists now exist and operate within our borders, posing a potential risk to all of us.

As Homeland Security Director, I feel that the emergency services currently operating within our Community are actively preparing themselves to respond to emergencies of these types. Our department continues to rely on the expertise of those services to assist in command and control in major disasters, such as weather related emergencies or terrorists acts that may directly affect our residents.

Plans are being developed to move forward with setting up an emergency operations center within the Fire Department. This will provide our emergency responders with the most current and accurate information available to perform their duties, in the event of an emergency.

I am looking forward to the challenges and to the continued development of this department, and to assist local authorities in any way possible during the event of a local disaster.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Murphy,
Homeland Security Director

Kimball Library

The last year has been a very exciting one for the Kimball Library. While many libraries in the area have been cutting back, your library continued to increase its offerings.

In January we hired a new Director, Dan Walker. Besides ensuring the library ran smoothly all year, Dan has been important to all the major accomplishments.

The library continued as before in offering the latest and best books in print. However, this year the video and DVD collections have been upgraded to include many more recent offerings.

The library has always provided museum passes which offer patrons free or reduced access to New Hampshire and Boston museums. This year the library added to that service by obtaining annual passes to Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Shaker Village in Canterbury and Strawberry Banke and the Children's Museums in Portsmouth. These purchases were made with a grant from the Ruth G. Campbell Foundation.

The library expanded its hours on both Friday and Saturday. This is to make the library more accessible when you need it, and utilization during those expanded times has been high.

Bi-directional high speed Internet access arrived at the library in December. Due to the nature of Atkinson's cable service, we are unable to have broadband access any other way. This allows library patrons to obtain information from the Internet 10 times faster than with home dial-up. It also enables the library to regularly update its computer systems in a much more effective and efficient manner.

The Internet access was the last expenditure of a 2001 warrant article to update systems within the library. A new catalog system, with all the necessary software, hardware, and networking was installed during the year. All other software and hardware in the library was also updated. This has resulted in much higher productivity from the library staff, and better information to manage the library.

At the end of the year the trustees have been working with the Selectmen and the Budget Committee to lay the groundwork for our main project, a new library for the town of Atkinson. Virtually every other town in the area has updated their library, and it's clear, looking at our existing library, that Atkinson's time is at hand. Given the current tax environment however, it appears more prudent to prepare by establishing a reserve fund while simultaneously continuing a planning and design process. The trustees have also been involved in related private fund raising efforts to support the project.

We hope for your continued support and ask that if you have not been recently in the library to stop by, speak with the staff, and find out what we have to offer every citizen of this town. We believe we offer great value as a Town resource. That value increases each time the library is utilized by you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamison Tomasek, Chairman,
Trustees of the Kimball Library

Planning Board

Another year has passed without significant new subdivisions; only ten condominium units and one house lot have been created this year. Commercial site plans have been limited to changes to two existing facilities.

The Planning Board has spent many hours discussing compliance issues with previously approved plans. One area of concern has been the appropriate use and ownership of Open Space in Clusters. Another concern has been the ongoing compliance question with regard to creation and completion of low-moderate dwellings and the associated sale to qualified buyers.

As we move into 2003 the Planning Board presents articles for voter consideration, which will update our Building Codes and reduce associated redundancy. We also propose further amendments to wording in our Low-Moderate provisions in Zoning.

We anticipate support for a Conservation Commission proposal to designate certain areas of town as Prime Wetlands.

The outlook for new developments in town continues to include "in-fill" proposals where smaller parcels may yield a few new building lots. There are a few larger tracts, which carry major development potential, but none have been proposed to the Board at this time.

Planning Board Activity for 2002:

Kevin Camm, KLC Land Planning for Reddy Home Builders – Low-Moderate Cluster Plan of 5 – 2 bedroom townhouses on property (12.8 Acres) located at 1 Eldon Way, Map 7, Lot 139, TR2 Zone. Approved 2/20/02, Plan Recorded 4/9/02 – D29737.

MHF Design Consultants, Inc. for Freshwater Farms and Rick Schafer – Lot Consolidation of 3 lots – Map 16, Lot 76 and Map 20, Lot 17 with Map 20, Lot 7 and Lot Line Adjustment of Map 20, Lot 7 and Lot 6 to add 6 acres to Map 20, Lot 6 to add 6 acres to Map 20, Lot 6. Property located on KipCam Road and Hall Farm Road, CI Zone. Approved 6/19/02, Plan Recorded 8/13/02 – D30028.

John Feuer (Feuer Lumber Co.) – Minor Site Plan Review to relocate and increase a previously approved building and addition to an existing building. Previously approved Site Plan dated 9/19/95. Property located at 136 Main Street, Map 13, Lot 25, RR2 Zone. Approved 6/19/02 – Plan not recorded.

Alex Deltwas - Two lot Subdivision Plan on 5 ± acre lot on property located at 61 Providence Hill Road, Map 6, Lot 21, RR2 Zone. Approved 9/19/02, Plan Recorded 9/19/02 - D30098.

Bay State Design Associates for Verizon - Minor Site Plan change for a proposed installation of a 9'x14' concrete pad and environmentally enclosed generator and removal of an existing concrete pad on property located on Main Street, Map 13, Lot 2, TC Zone. Approved 10/16/02, Plan recording pending.

Meisner Brem Corporation for D & D Wholesale Tile, Inc. - Commercial Site Plan to construct 3 buildings on property owned by North End Blvd. Corp. located on Industrial Way, Map 16, Lot 4, CI Zone. Denied – 10/16/02.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Killam,
Chairman

Police Department

During the year of 2002, the Police Department was able to continue to have one of the lowest crime rates in the area. This has been accomplished by providing regular patrols in the neighborhoods. By having constant patrols in the neighborhood, we have been able to show a strong police presence and thus we have been able to keep crime at its present low level.

During last year we presented many new programs at the Atkinson Academy. Both teachers and the children have accepted our presence and we are planning many more safety programs during the coming year.

Last year we conducted our 24th annual coloring contest for the children at the Atkinson Academy. We had a great participation from the children and they really appreciated all of the prizes we handed out.

For 2002 we are proposing that the voters allow us to continue our neighborhood patrols. The community service officer patrols our residential streets and keeps an eye on our homes. He gets acquainted with our residents and stops to talk and hand out junior police badges to our young children. When he sees a car that seems to be out of place or finds a door open, he has the duty officer respond to further check things out. Last year this new program was funded by a federal grant, this year we will be funding a portion of the officers' hourly pay. We are asking the voters to approve a warrant article in the amount of $5,616.00 so we may continue this valuable program. This amount will be offset by a grant in the amount of $3,000.00. Your support on this program would be greatly appreciated.

In August of this year, I will be celebrating my thirty-fifth (35th) year as a member of the police department, serving as your Chief for the past twenty-five (25) years. Over the years I have seen a lot of changes within the police department. One of our goals was to expand on our Senior Citizen Program; I am pleased to say we have accomplished that goal.

I have in the past, and will continue in the future, to make myself available to any Atkinson resident day or night. I can be reached at the Police Station at 362-4001, or at my residence at 362-5627. All members of the Police Department are dedicated in providing the residents of Atkinson with the most efficient and professional police services possible. Please drive defensively, love and respect thy neighbor, and make 2003 a safe, memorable, and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip V. Consentino,
Chief of Police

Comparative Statistics:

	2001	2002		2001	2002
Outside Thefts	39	34	911 Calls	62	66
Aggravated Assaults	3	0	Criminal Mischief	61	74
Simple Assaults	9	3	Lock Outs	19	16
Forgery	2	0	Juvenile Complaints	15	14
Neighborhood Complaints	14	33	House Alarms	287	330
Fraud	15	9	Domestics	42	26
Harassments	11	28	Criminal Threatening	7	4
911 Hang Ups	62	23	Civil Matters	20	27
Emergency Calls	4038	3966	Non-Emergency Calls	6490	6925

Recreation Commission

What a strong year for Recreation in Atkinson! We are striving to provide more and more opportunities for everyone to get out, relax, unwind, and have fun or just sit and chat!

The Seniors are very active with their programs of walking, Tai Chi, bridge, whist and yoga. And their volunteer spirits are alive and well, too. Some new activities this year were the Veterans Club, educational seminars and card making classes at the Community Center.

We sponsored trips for all Atkinson residents to the JFK Library and Museum (Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years); New England Flower Show; Mohegan Sun Casino; Newport Mansions, Newport, RI; Boston Duck Tour; Lowell Spinners Baseball; Kennebunkport, ME; Foliage Trip (Pickety Place and Frye's Measure Mill); Foxwood Casino; Radio City Music Hall (New York City); and North Shore Music Theater ("A Christmas Carol").

We continued with our regular events including the Spring Fishing Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, and Make a Difference Day. We added a Town Wide Clean-up Day which was a wonderful success! It brought together many volunteers of all ages who worked side by side to clean and beautify our town.

The summer Sun 'n Fun and Sequel programs welcomed many new counselors and directors this year to the delight of the children. Thank you to our young people who not only enjoyed the fun and the sun, but performed some valuable community service projects. They also entertained the seniors at a luncheon with a very popular lip sync program.

The volunteer spirit is alive and growing strong in our town! Special thanks are extended to Al Bradley for his invaluable contributions to the new energy saving lighting installed at the Community Center; Jake Collins for making the Fishing Derby what it is; the Garden and Women's Civic Clubs for their efforts on the senior luncheons and teas; and to Girl Scout Troops 119 and 29 for their generous contributions to the Holiday Senior Luncheon.

Mark the Memorial Day Parade on your calendars. Patriotism, caring and good will are truly exemplified by the participation of our residents.

Lets make 2003 a year of continued strong volunteerism and community sharing!

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy J. Thompson
Patricia Mangini

UP COMING EVENTS:

March 18th N.E. Flower Show at Bayside Expo Center in Boston, tickets are $15.00, includes deluxe bus ride and tickets for the flower show.

March 22nd Museum of Science, "Treasurers of Ancient Egypt – Quest of Immorality", $24/Adult, $22/Senior (60+), $19 Child (3-11)

April 2nd Mohegan Sun Casino Day Trip, $10.00 for Atkinson residents and $15.00 for non-residents; include deluxe bus ride and bonus tickets

April 19th Senior Spring Social, noon to 2:00 pm at the Community Center, light meal and dessert will be served, and music. Please call to reserve your seat.

Please contact Noriko Yoshida-Travers, 362-5531, for further information.

Supervisors Of The Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist had a busy year in 2002. We had three elections; the March Town Election, State of NH Primary in September, and the NH General Election held in November.

The Supervisors of the Checklist duties are, to keep updated and corrected checklists at all times. These updated Checklists are always posted at the Town Clerks Office and are for the public to view.

The Supervisors register new residents at certain sessions of the year, also new residents may register to vote at the Town Clerks Office during their normal business hours, or register on election day at the polls. Proof of residency must be shown at these registrations. We thank all the residents for their support and interest in voting at the elections.

The 4,525 new registered voters were added from November 2002 to January 10, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha E. MacDonald, Chairman
Supervisors of the Checklist

Tax Collector's Report

The 2002 Tax Year proved to be a very exciting year with many changes that I am sure you read about in or heard on the news.

We welcomed your new Deputy Tax Collector, Patricia Macomber, who is a longtime resident, wife and mother of two. Amongst the many other jobs she does so well we appreciate her hard work and pleasantness here in the Tax Collector's Office.

We said goodbye and good luck to our Commissioner of DRA, Mr. Stanley Arnold, who retired this year and welcomed our Acting Commissioner, Ms. Barbara Reid.

We were saddened to hear the news that after 22 years of service to our town, our Municipal Auditor, Richard "Dick" Teriault was transferred to another area. We wish him all the best. We welcomed our new Municipal Auditor, Mr. Don Borror. We are confident that working with Don will be an excellent experience.

Finally, we saw our tax dollars at work when our Performing Arts Center was finished and finally opened for use.

The State Education Tax situation has yet to be settled, but since we have a new and aggressive Governor maybe this will be the year.

Pat Macomber and I collected 97% of the total tax committed to us for collection and we thank all of the Residents of Atkinson for making that possible.

I was able to attend a spring workshop that gave me the opportunity to be updated on the newest legislative news and all the new laws that concerned the fascinating world of Real Estate Tax Collecting. I was also able to attend this year's conference in September for a more intense three days of learning the current, new, and some upcoming laws and regulations. It was truly an excellent experience. Thank you for the opportunity.

Pat and I went on a field trip to the Registry of Deeds to familiarize ourselves with how they conduct business and why we needed to comply with their requests, it proved to be very educational. We have also attended user meetings at Avitar Associates in Chichester N.H. Avitar is the company that provides us with the wonderful computer software that we use in the office.

We look forward to working with you throughout this year and ask that you always feel free to call or stop by with any questions that you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. DeSimone,
Tax Collector

Vital Statistics – Births 2002

Name of Child	D.O.B.	Father	Mother
2001 Corrections			
Keevers, Jack Thornton	11/07/02	Jonathan	Shawna
Kennedy, Shelby Anne	02/23/01	Robert	Victoria
2002			
Abbott, Trevor Zachary	01/21/02	Brian	Robyn
Amiss, Emerson Brittany	11/08/02	David	Dawn
Anderson, Skyler Elzbieta	06/14/02	Bretton	Barbara
Cerniglia, Jaclyn Sarah	08/19/02	Mark	Janet
Standley-Sawyer, Ryan Perkins	05/28/02	Chad	Janine
Standley-Sawyer, Samuel Vernon	05/28/02	Chad	Janine
Crowninshield, Christopher Stephen	02/17/02	Christopher	Cynthia
Durkin, Ashley Hope	08/27/02	John	Melissa
Farrell, Amber Rose	12/09/02	Louis	Marisa
Fay, Lily Rose Dorothy	03/04/02	Jeffrey	Diana
Fleming, Cody Alexander	08/05/02	Paul	Kelley
George, Madison Taylor	05/22/02	Sean	Jamie
Hamman, Marisa Marie Andreoli	06/11/02	Brian	Christina
Healey, Patrick Joseph	01/23/02	Michael	Dianne
Judge, Ryan Patrick	03/16/02	Timothy	April
LaPlante, Clay Ambrose	05/19/02	Guy	Karen
LaPlante, Cyrus Alexander	05/19/02	Guy	Karen
LaPlante, Ruby Louella Bailey	05/19/02	Guy	Karen
Latino, Elaina Patricia	03/05/02	Joseph	Christine
Molway, Lily-Rose Diane	10/10/02	John	Regina
Monayan, Sydney Jane	11/20/02	Mike	Nancy
Murphy, Carly Monroe	11/25/02	Steven	Maureen
Noel, Dylan Christopher	02/22/02	Christopher	Kelly
Picard, Kaiya Donovan	01/14/02	Daniel	Terese
Rivard, Aidan Jacob	04/24/02	Dennis	Jennifer
St Jean, Zachary James	03/06/02	Christopher	Jennifer
Sickel, Brady Arthur	02/23/02	Arthur	Marcelle
Smith, Lyle James	05/30/02	William	Dawn
Van Ry, Olivia Georgee	03/14/02	Berwyn	Reenea
Ward, Luke Benjamin	04/02/02	Benjamin	JeanMarie

Vital Statistics – Deaths 2002

Name of Deceased	Date	Name of Parents
Aloi, Gail L.	03/10/02	Reinhold, Carl / Ferhm, Grace
Bailey, John W.	12/12/02	Bailey, Frank / Johnson, Ava Mae
Barry, Augusta	06/26/02	Zeh, Jay / Glock, Laura
Beeson, Rose	04/28/02	
Bonin, Roger P.	08/03/02	Bonin, Napoleon / Bouchard, Yvonne
Cereno, Gary	03/07/02	Cereno, Robert / Barberio, Laura
Daly, Michael F.	07/31/02	Daly, Patrick / Hart, Bridget
Daynard, Kenneth R.	06/02/02	Daynard, Alexander L / Krauch, Germaine J.
Delpercio, Louis J.	02/04/02	
Demars, Mary L.	09/01/02	
DiVincentis, Lucy	04/15/02	
Elliott, Robert A.	07/25/02	Elliott, Ray A. / Kirk, Mildred
Forenza, Doris	05/29/02	Kopke, Herbert A. / Randolf, Marie
Fransen, Dorothy	11/10/02	Cardarelli, Luigi / Bencivengo, Maria
Garrison, Alma W.	01/06/02	Weaver, Nelson / Immel, Freida
Gulliver, Gerald R.	09/07/02	Gulliver, Joseph / McEwen, Alma
Holbrook, John W.	04/19/02	
Huntress, Richard E.	12/04/02	Huntress, Rogal Percival / Crosby, Flossie J.
Iacobello, Marco	03/29/02	
Judge, Chester H.	10/29/02	Dziedzic, Lucas / Unknown, Victoria
Judge, Rita Noreen	02/05/02	
Leone, John R.	10/12/02	Leone, Joseph A. / Vallete, Celeste
McGregor, Fred D. Jr	02/01/02	McGregor, Fred D. Sr. / Bennett, Mary
McIlvoy, Rockwell Dianne	09/18/02	Rockwell, David J. / Clark, Doris
MacDonald, Adriana C.	03/16/02	
Magnuson, Carl R.	11/18/02	Magnuson, Gustave / Kristenson, Jennie
Marr, Owen A.	06/24/02	Marr, Alexander / Gross, Ruby
Neily, Clement M.	09/01/02	
Ordway, Madeliene L.	08/15/02	Cate, John / Emery, Mary
Painten, Mary B.	10/24/02	Maclean, John / MacDonald, Lexie Ann
Panos, Martha	10/13/02	
Poloian, Elinor J.	11/24/02	Schacht, Walter / Surette, Julia
Purcell, Marguerite T.	02/01/02	Collins, Joseph / Leonard, Margaret
Salvi, Rudolph	09/05/02	Salvi, Frank / Riela, Grace
Suriani, Loretta R.	07/07/02	Bieda, Stanley / Gawron, Helen
Tombarello, Claire R. M.	01/25/02	Maranto, James / Latorre, Clara
Trites, Richard	03/30/02	Trites, Earl / Doherty, Katherine
Vitale, Hector F	04/18/02	Vitale, Rafael / Carlino, Erminia

Vital Statistics – Marriages 2002

Groom / Residence	Bride / Residence	Date
2001 Corrections		
Atkins, Thomas W JR / Danville, NH	Davison, Bethany L. / Danville, NH	08/11/01
2002		
Allen, Brian D. / Methuen, MA	Lewis, Natalie A. / Methuen, MA	04/06/02
Barry, Brian M. / Haverhill, MA	Page, Pauline L. / Haverhill, MA	04/27/02
Bertholdt, William A / Atkinson, NH	Caverno, LouAnn / Atkinson, NH	02/24/02
Blackadar, James C. / Atkinson, NH	LaPlume, Kelly J. / Atkinson, NH	10/05/02
Brennan, Sean M. / Bradford, MA	Stasko, Alicia B. / Bradford, MA	09/07/02
Brown, Nicholas A / Platina, CA	Martens, Danielle M / Haverhill, MA	09/29/02
Bynum, John W. / Haverhill, MA	Bowman, Kie L. / Haverhill, MA	09/20/02
Carrubba, Jason J / Atkinson, NH	Schlottmann, Mary R. / Atkinson, NH	07/13/02
Censullo, David A / Methuen, MA	Belair, Rebecca A. / Methuen, MA	02/16/02
Chabot, Robert P / Atkinson, NH	Sanverm, Lalida / Udon Thani, Thailand	08/25/02
Cresta, Timothy J / Methuen, MA	Hooley, Kelly A / Derry, NH	09/14/02
Dawber, Peter A / Atkinson, NH	Arlin, Lisa C. / Atkinson, NH	08/18/02
Dellagrotte, Joseph A / Atkinson, NH	Downey, Andrea L. / Atkinson, NH	06/15/02
Devaney, Martin B / Atkinson, NH	Curry, Michele / Atkinson, NH	09/06/02
DiMarino, Peter M / Plaistow, NH	Troy, Kristin L. / Atkinson, NH	08/31/02
Dubois, Jason E. / Atkinson, NH	Donegan, Darcie F. / Atkinson, NH	10/05/02
Elias, Michael D / Manchester, NH	Dean, Johanna L. / Manchester, NH	10/04/02
Ellis, Jason D / Atkinson, NH	McCarthy, Kathryn A. / North Andover, MA	09/06/02
Franceschino, Roberto P / Montecatini Terme, Italy	Kennedy, Kimberly K / Atkinson, NH	04/13/02
Fried, Matthew D / Ossining, NY	Hiett, Tara N. / Atkinson, NH	03/16/02
Gamache, Jason M / Atkinson, NH	Davis, Laura L. / Atkinson, NH	06/22/02
Gingsberg, Mark A / Seabrook, NH	VanSteensburg, Cheryl T / Seabrook, NH	07/05/02
Hobgood, Brian J / Atkinson, NH	McCusker, Jennifer L. / Atkinson, NH	07/20/02
Jappe, Paul H. / Atkinson, NH	McConnell, Morag C. / Atkinson, NH	10/26/02
Lessard, James / Haverhill, MA	Edmondson, Katie M. / Atkinson, NH	08/27/02
Little, Russell P / Kingston, NH	Short, Natasha R / Atkinson, NH	07/20/02
Kin, Alan / Burlington, MA	Wong, Esther W / Burlington, Ma	07/06/02
Masone, Paul R. / Atkinson, NH	Miskimon, Margaret J / Atkinson, NH	08/10/02
Mattison, Eric J / Yarmouth, ME	Grimes, Kate E. / Yarmouth, ME	10/19/02
Nelson, Richard P. JR / Amesbury, MA	Vogler, Shari L. / Salisbury, MA	05/04/02
O'Neill, Edward B. Jr / Norwell, MA	Malo, Cheri-Anne / Atkinson, NH	07/28/02
Petrilli, Michael W II / Salem, NH	Joyce, Stephanie M. / Atkinson, NH	07/27/02
Phillips, Daniel C. / Haverhill, MA	Moschetto, Marie A / Atkinson, NH	12/13/02
Podesta, Carlos E. / Atkinson, NH	Newton, Michele Y. / Atkinson, NH	10/26/02
Richardson, Derek M. / Atkinson, NH	Lussier, Renee S. / Pelham, NH	06/30/02
Rossetti, Edward J / Atkinson, NH	Berg, Patricia M / Atkinson, NH	08/03/02
Rousseau, Daniel R / Haverhill, MA	Greenwood, Danyelle M. / Haverhill, MA	06/01/02
Salisbury, Mark E. / Atkinson, NH	Tucker, Kwon A / Atkinson, NH	05/04/02
Sanders, Kevin B / Clinton, MA	Stanley, Melissa A. / Clinton, MA	06/08/02
Schott, Michael R. / Atkinson, NH	McKane, Margaret L. / Atkinson, NH	03/23/02
Shah, Sunit H. / Atkinson, NH	Sheth, Pinky P / Bombay, India	07/26/02
Shikes, Daniel S / Naples, FL	Goenner, Millie A / Naples, FL	06/29/02
Standley, Chad K. / Atkinson, NH	Councilman, Janine M / Atkinson, NH	07/03/02
Thompson, Brent A / Atkinson, NH	Crawford, Cheryl M / Kingston, NH	09/27/02
Twine, Irving M. / Nashua, NH	Warren, Jamie L. / Atkinson, NH	06/30/02
Valvanis, John N. / Atkinson, NH	Buckley, Katherine M. / Atkinson, NH	10/12/02
Wainwright, Paul F. / Atkinson, NH	Crowe, Judith M. / Atkinson, NH	07/20/02

Zoning Board Of Adjustment

Hearings during the year 2002 were concerned with requests for the following:

- Variances to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance (11)
- Special Exceptions allowed by the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance (27)
- Administrative Appeals (6)
- Equitable Waivers (0)
- Rehearing requests (3)

THIS YEAR HEARING RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Purpose of Hearing	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variances to:			
Wetland	4	1	1
Sideline	1		
Frontage	1		
Cluster Buffer	2		1
Permitted Use	1		
Special Exception:			
Home Business:			
New	4		
Renewals	13		
Exemptions	4		
Alteration/Expansion			1
Conversions	4		
Accessory Living Unit	2		
Rehearing		1	
Appeals	2	4	

** Records of all public hearings and decisions are maintained in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office and available for public review.

Check out the Atkinson Web Page www.town-atkinsonnh.com for zoning information regarding the following: Accessory Living Units (In-law apartments); Home business regulations; Seasonal Conversions; Zoning, Special Exception & Appeal Application and instructions.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Polito,
Chairman

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services

Of Southern Rockingham County
16 Academy Avenue - Atkinson, NH 03811
(603) 362-9957 - info@familymediation.mv.com

2002 Annual Report

Over this last year, we provided services to 759 youths from the towns of: Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem. This sustained growth was due, in part, to active involvement in the community, by the presentation of workshops of a wider variety while collaborating more creatively with our school referral sources. As individuals become more aware of our programs through these workshops, more direct referrals are made to our programs, which include: Parent-Child Mediation; Peer Mediation; Challenge Course (Drug and Alcohol Abuse); TLC (Anger Management); SSTOP (Stop Shoplifting Teens Option Program); Up In Smoke (Tobacco Education); Community Service and Restitution Programs.

In 2002 we received a grant to establish a parenting component for the Challenge and TLC Courses. The first of twelve parenting classes began in January and, based on the feedback from the parents, have been a tremendous success. These classes assist parents to learn alternative skills of communicating and interacting with their youth, which allows a better understanding of their youth's daily challenges. The outcome is a more creative, positive family dynamic, which leads to decreased drug/alcohol use and lessens violence in the community.

New tobacco educations workshops are being added to in-school health classes. Early intervention is imperative when dealing with such an addictive substance as tobacco. Last year the workshops were presented to 330 youth, with positive feedback.

We have conducted peer mediations in several schools. It's been very well received by the youth and by the school personnel. They indicate it has been extremely helpful in resolving disputes. We are continuing to refresh our curriculums based on feedback from the participants and through our collaborative efforts with other agencies.

Through our efforts to increase Community Service worksites, we have added additional opportunities throughout our catchment area. The community reaps the benefits from the jobs completed by the youth 'working off' their offense(s), while the youth learn important life skills.

We continue to work with other community agencies. We again participated in Hampstead Middle School's Project Respect. We receive very positive feedback from participants and parents appreciative of the quality services we provide.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is pleased to be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The agency could not have accomplished this longevity without dedicated staff, volunteers (mediators, community service supervisors, town representatives, donors, etc.), Judges and Towns. We look forward to the Town of Atkinson continuing their many years of support and commitment to our agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick R. Judge,
Chairman, Board of Directors

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

OLD NEW HAMPSHIRE BARNS

A new State Law (RSA 79-D) creates a mechanism to encourage preservation of old New Hampshire barns and other historic agricultural buildings.

RSA 79-D authorizes towns and other municipalities to grant property tax relief to barn owners who (a) can demonstrate the public benefit of preserving their barns or other old farm buildings, and (b) agree to maintain structures throughout a minimum 10-year preservation easement.

The Purpose

The new law is based on widespread recognition that many of New Hampshire's old barns and other farm buildings are important local scenic landmarks and help tell the story of agriculture in the state's history. Yet many of these historic structures are being demolished or not repaired because of the adverse impact of property taxes. RSA 79-D is intended to encourage barn owners to maintain and repair their buildings by granting them specific tax relief and assuring them that assessments will not be increased as a result of new repair work.

The Mechanism

The program represents a uniquely New Hampshire approach, which is strictly voluntary on the part of the property owner, and combines statewide eligibility criteria and guidelines with decision-making and implementation at the local level. It is closely modeled after New Hampshire's discretionary easement program (RSA 79-C), which authorizes local governments to grant property tax relief to encourage preservation of open land.

On or before April 15 of the new tax year, any owner of an historic barn or other farm building may seek relief by applying to their local governing body (Board of Selectmen or city government) to grant a discretionary preservation easement to the municipality and agreeing to maintain the structure in keeping with its historic integrity and character during the term of the easement. The application, executed on a form provided by the NH Department of Revenue Administration, is to include a map showing the location of the structure(s) and a description of how the property meets the prescribed test of public benefit.

The Board of Selectmen or city government, following a public hearing, will then have 60 days in which to determine whether the proposed preservation of the structure is consistent with the purpose of the law. If so, the municipality, in exercising its discretion, will acquire an easement on the structure for a minimum of ten years and grant tax relief within a range of a 25 to 75% reduction of the structure's full assessed value. Maintaining and repairing the building will not result in an increase in its assessed value for property tax purposes.

Eligibility

For this program, "historic agricultural structure" is defined as a barn or other structure, including the land on which it is built, which currently or formerly was used for agricultural purposes, and is at least 75 years old. The test demonstrated public benefit shall be considered to have been met if the structure complies with one or more of the following:

1. Provides scenic enjoyment to the general public from a public road or waterway;
2. Is historically important on a local, regional, state or national level;
3. Contributes to the historic or cultural integrity of a property listed on or eligible for the New Hampshire State of National Registers of Historic Places, or is in a locally designated historic district.

In determining eligibility, the Selectboard or city government shall refer to statewide guidelines adopted by the Historic Agricultural Advisory Committee, and may weigh the public benefit to be gained by the preservation of the structure verses the tax revenue to be lost if the easement is accepted. The statewide guidelines include whether there is local interest and support for the structure's preservation, its historic and agricultural significance, and the degree to which tax relief will encourage its preservation.

In determining eligibility, the Selectboard or city government shall refer to statewide guidelines adopted by the Historical Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee, and may weigh the public benefit to be gained by the preservation of the structure verses the tax revenue to be lost if the easement is accepted. The statewide guidelines include whether there is local interest and support for the structure's preservation, its historic and agricultural significance, and the degree to which tax relief will encourage its preservation.

More information can be obtained by contacting the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. A final version of the text for HB 522 is available on the state website, www.gencourt.state.nh.us legislation 2002/HB0522.html.

CHAPTER 79-D
DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS

79-D:1 Declaration of Public Interest. It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage the preservation of historic agricultural structures which are potentially subject to decay or demolition, thus maintaining the historic rural character or the state's landscape, sustaining agricultural traditions, and providing an attractive scenic environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens and visitors. It is further declared to be in the public interest to prevent the loss of historic agricultural structures due to property taxation at values incompatible with their preservation. The means for encouraging preservation of historic agricultural structures authorized by this chapter is the acquisition of discretionary preservation easements by town or city governments to assure preservation of such structures which provide a demonstrated public benefit.

The Page Homestead, 129 Main Street (Barn - Circa 1894)

2002 Picture Courtesy of Mr. Paul Wainwright

Application For Committee Appointment

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Atkinson is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the Town to continue this tradition.

Boards, commissions, and committee are made up of volunteers. Community Center and recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations, and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Atkinson residents.

If you are a registered voter of Atkinson and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectmen's Office. Thank you.

_____ Board of Adjustment

_____ Building Needs Committee

_____ Cable TV Advisory Committee

_____ Conservation Commission

_____ Highway Safety Committee

_____ Planning Board

_____ Recreation Commission

_____ Recycling Committee

_____ Other (Please Specify) _____

Special Qualifications: _____

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Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions: _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Notes

Town Of Atkinson

OFFICE HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE • 362-5266

Weekdays: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

TOWN CLERK • 362-4920

Monday: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

TAX COLLECTOR • 362-5357

Monday: 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD • 362-5761

Weekdays: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

BUILDING INSPECTOR & CODE ENFORCEMENT • 362-5761

Weekdays: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Emergency Number • 362-4739

FIRE DEPARTMENT • Emergency • 911

Business Number • 362-5311

POLICE DEPARTMENT • Emergency • 911

Business Number • 362-4001

Monday: 7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

KIMBALL LIBRARY • 362-5234

Weekdays: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER • 362-5531

Monday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am -11:00 am

TOWN GARAGE • 362-4010

BRUSH DUMP/RECYCLING STATION

Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen:	Mondays at 7:30 pm
Budget Committee:	2nd Tuesday
Conservation Commission:	1st Monday
Planning Board:	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	2nd Wednesday

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Atkinson Garden Club
Atkinson Historical Society
Friends of the Kimball Library
Lions Club
Tri-Towne Friends
Women's Civic Club

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